

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 11, 2021

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Let us come to worship today acknowledging our Creator

**Many: The God who created and continues to create**

One: We worship God, who so loved the world

**Many: We come to worship with pure and ready hearts to feel  
God's love**

One: We worship God, who offers forgiveness

**Many: We come to worship ready to know God's grace**

One: We worship God, this day and all days

**Many: We worship our Creator**

**All: Let us worship, Amen.**

HYMN: 271 (Red Hymnal) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, too often we make promises we cannot keep. We  
promise and bargain with you for our own desires and will to  
happen. We allow others and this world to influence our way of  
life. Even when we know something to be wrong we often sit back  
and allow it. We struggle in this world and yet you forgive us. We**

(Please remain seated throughout the service. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

**are not perfect and yet we are a part of your creation. We lift up to  
you now our confessions and feel your forgiveness.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Creator, work within the words read and spoken so that  
your voice may be heard. Stir the Spirit in our hearts and minds  
so that we may come to know and trust your voice and your desire.  
Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:14-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Getting What You Want* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 370 (Blue Hymnal) *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERTORY (We are not passing the offertory plate; please leave your donation and COVID wellness card in the offering plate as you leave.)

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We lift up today these gifts that are freely given to you, our Creator. Allow these gifts to create in our community your will and strengthen your church. Work within the gifts of time, talent, energy and money so that your mission can be furthered. Continue to work within and through our church so that your glory may come to be known. Amen.**

HYMN: 397 (Blue Hymnal) *O for a Closer Walk with God*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

We welcome Elisabeth Pan as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa today.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
Scott Erikson	The Mastrangelo Family
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family	Emily & Dwight Dyer
Cathy and Jason Nelson	Suzan Chou & Family
Paula Liscio	Rhonda Liss
The Stallone Family	Sam Rizzo
Marty Wyler	Jay Bender

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak  
And those who are on the front lines helping

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, July 14

10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church

**First Reading**

**Psalm 24**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup>Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## Second Reading

### Mark 6:14-29

### New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.