

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

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

AUGUST 29, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Who will be the first in the Kingdom of God?

Many: The one who is last and servant of all

One: Who will be great in the realm of heaven?

Many: The one who comes as a humble child

One: Jesus Christ was sent to serve the least and save the lost

Many: Come Holy Spirit into this worship and teach us

One: Jesus Christ welcomes all into God's Kingdom

Many: Come Holy Spirit into us and show us love

One: Let us worship and praise

All: Let us come before God. Amen.

HYMN: 435 (Red Hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.

We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace.

We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of Grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Great is our God that through Jesus we are offered forgiveness. For those who proclaim the good news and confess their sins, your sins are forgiven. Believe in the Good News, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, give us the wisdom and understanding to hear your Word. Help us to draw nearer to you and to honor you through our life and learning. Holy Spirit descend into the readings today and inspire us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:17-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE *Follow*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 444 (Red Hymnal) *I Love to Tell the Story*

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.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Glory, we lift up to you today these gifts. Allow these gifts to move through this church, this community and this world glorifying you and offering your love. Amen.

HYMN: 344 (Blue Hymnal) *Christ of the Upward Way*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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 Yaling Lin 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	Paula Liscio
Rhonda Liss	The Stallone Family
Sam Rizzo	Marty Wyler
Jay Bender	Elizabeth Van Raalte
Merrick Randall	

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Sept. 1	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Sun, Sept. 5	10 AM Communion Sunday
Tues, Sept. 7	7 PM Monthly Bible Study via Zoom
Sun, Sept. 19	11 AM Church Picnic – Please sign up

First Reading

James 1:17-27

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Second Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”