

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: For the stranger and the guest

Many: The Lord prepares a table

One: For every child of God is welcome

Many: Come and share this feast of Grace

One: Come and pray and worship

Many: We open our hearts to your Word

One: We open our lips to proclaim and exclaim

Many: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Name

One: Let us worship.

HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action.
(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: Lord of wisdom, descend in our hearts and minds allowing your grace to extend within us and through us to come to know your will. Work within this worship, the Word read and spoken and in us so that your wisdom is understood and shared. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:24-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Miracles*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 262 (Blue Hymnal) *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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

Generous God, we lift up to you the gifts received today. We ask that you work within these gifts as well as the gifts of the spirit of this congregation so that your glory may shine brighter in this community. Amen.

HYMN: (Insert) *God Bless America*

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
Eddie Balsamo
Scott Erikson
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family
Cathy and Jason Nelson
Rhonda Liss
Sam Rizzo
Jay Bender
Merrick Randall

Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones
The Mastrangelo Family
Emily & Dwight Dyer
Paula Liscio
The Stallone Family
Marty Wyler
Elizabeth Van Raalte

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Tues, Sept. 7	7 PM Monthly Bible Study via Zoom
Wed, Sept. 15	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Sun, Sept. 19	11 AM Church Picnic – Please sign up

First Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Second Reading

Mark 7:24-37

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

God Bless America

Irving Berlin
arr. by Shelia Lee

God bless A - mer-i - ca, land that I love.

Stand be - side her and guide her thru the night with a light from a -

bove. From the moun-tains, to the prai-ries, to the o-ceans

white with foam. God bless A - mer - i - ca,

my home sweet home. home. home.

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