

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Sing to the Lord

**Many: We raise our voices in praise**

One: It is right to worship our God

**Many: For the Holy is faithful**

One: The Lord offers unfailing love

**Many: The Lord made the heavens and the Earth**

One: Our Creator spoke and saw that it was good

**Many: Let us proclaim and explain God's goodness**

One: Sing to the Lord

**All: Let us worship.**

HYMN: 267 (Blue Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Creator, you spoke and sparked life into the world. Yet we often drown out your voice with the cares of this world. Holy, when you spoke mountains formed and birds flew; yet we often live our daily lives without noticing your works around us. Friend, when you walked among us you offered us a way to live; yet we**

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

**walk our own paths instead of following you. Yet, you forgive us. Today we lift up to you all those mistakes we have made, as well as the ones we know we will make, and ask for your forgiveness.**  
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Be Still*

McDonald

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Creator, you spoke, you saw, and you knew that it was good. As we read and reflect on your Word, work in us and through us to know your wisdom. Help us to hear, see, and know so that we may spread your glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Gen 1:1-2:4a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *"Ish"*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 272 (Blue Hymnal) *God of the Sparrow*

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

**Generous God, we lift up, out of your creation, the gifts given today and those of time, talent and energy offered each day. Work within and through these gifts so that this church and community may know your glory. Amen.**

HYMN: 294 (Blue Hymnal) *Wherever I May Wander*

#### CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

#### POSTLUDE

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

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth  
Dr. Gary de Sesa  
Dr. Natalie Naylor  
Robert Gilmore

Pastor  
Director, Ministry of Music  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

#### **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**

Wed, Sept. 15  
Sun, Sept. 19

10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church  
11 AM Church Picnic – Please sign up

##### **First Reading**

###### **Gen 1:1-2:4a**

###### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,<sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.<sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”<sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.<sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of

every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 1:1-5**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## **ANTHEM**

### **“Be Still”**

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Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I will comfort you  
When you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you  
And I will wipe your tears; Your will be renewed.

Come unto Me. My child be still. And know that I will give you rest.  
I am present in your pain And I always will remain your Comforter and  
Friend

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you  
When you come to Me in your hour of need.  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you  
And I will wipe your tears; Your will be renewed.

My peace I leave with you My peace I give unto you  
Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still. Be still. Be still.

### **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.