

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3, 2021

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Many: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your Good News, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

HYMN: 266 (Red Hymnal) *That Beautiful Name*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Meditation for Communion* Althouse

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:58

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *In the Name of God* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: 43 (Red Hymnal) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

HYMN: (Insert) *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

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 approach the table today but we don't approach it alone. We approach it on this World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. And so part of our approach this morning is to remember in our offering our connection to the work of the church in every corner of God's creation. We do this using the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering, which goes to support advocacy, education, and educational outreach with communities of faith all across the globe. Truly, God has blessed us with the rich, varied, and abundant gifts of creation. From God's abundance, let us also give abundantly. Amen.

HYMN: 107 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

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, Oct. 5 7 PM Bible Study via Zoom
Wed, Oct. 13 10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church
Tues, Oct. 19 4 PM Session Meeting

First Reading

Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-12 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them. ³ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations. ⁴ ¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

Second Reading

John 8:58

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

ANTHEM

"Meditation For Communion"

- Althouse

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life are spoken and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be the feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed.
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed.
Amen, amen.

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.