

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

**Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.**

One: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

**Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.**

One: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

**Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.**

One: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

**All: The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.**

ANTHEM: *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!* Larson

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we rejoice in this new day you have made. We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again. We praise you for your Son Jesus and the power**

("\*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

**of new life promised in his resurrection. We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history, to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life. God of steadfast love, we worship you with the Spirit and the Son and claim your gift of new life, even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world you love. All praise, honor and glory be yours, O God, now and evermore. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine (Verse 3)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now, so that as your Word is read and preached, we might hear, understand and believe. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:27-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Locked Away* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION (*Insert*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 399 (Blue Hymnal) *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love, our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we undertake as part of the Presbyterian Church. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

\* 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.*

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

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Refreshments Host today is Natalie Naylor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Tues, Apr. 26

3 PM Session Meeting

Wed, Apr. 27

10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church

Please note: **Zoom Bible Study** will now be held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of each month, and **Wednesday Bible Study** will be held **every week**, in person.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck

Dawn and John de Sesa

Eddie Balsamo

Rev. Stark Jones

The Mastrangelo Family

Emily & Dwight Dyer

Cathy and Jason Nelson

Paula Liscio

Rhonda Liss

The Stallone Family

Sam Rizzo

Joy Wyler

Merrick Randall

Anita Catalanello

Debra Hecht

Casey DeSantis

Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family

Elizabeth Jordan

Jeff Lovering

Jack Walker

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

Edith Van Raalte

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees

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

**First Reading**

**Acts 5:27-32**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors

raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

## **Second Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **ANTHEM**

**"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"**

**- Larson**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears; Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from grief and tears. Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er; Through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more! Christ triumphed and we conquer by his mighty enterprise; We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise! Christ is risen Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head, lift up your head! Child of God, lift up your head! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **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.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you, God, for the many ways you provide for our needs: for air and water, for food and shelter, for work to do and rest to sustain us. We pray for your creation, too often at risk because of the choices we've made. Help us care for the earth and all its creatures and relationships. Show us how to cherish the gifts you have given and protect them for future generations.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you, God, for family: the families we were born or adopted into, the families we married into, and other families who welcomed us into their midst as friends and neighbors. We pray for those who have lost family members and relationships, and for any who know abuse and pain within the family circle.

God, we also thank you for friendship: for friends who have supported us through months of pandemic restrictions and for those who bring us joy and wise counsel. Help us extend the gift of friendship to those who are experiencing isolation, loneliness or grief.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you, God, for the peace and freedom we enjoy, and pray that the conflict over what these gifts mean will be soothed with deeper understanding among us all. We pray for those who know neither freedom nor peace: those living under oppressive regimes or in conflict zones, and those who have fled their homelands in search of safety. Give us courage to stand up for people who cannot stand up for themselves so that they too will know peace and freedom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We thank you, God, for your Church, for our congregation and its leaders, and for all who volunteer time, talent and energy to the work

we undertake in Jesus' name. By your Spirit, guide us as we regroup after the months of pandemic and inspire us with new insight into mission and ministry. We pray for other churches in our community and in our Presbytery, and the sense of mission that guides each one into service.

Fill us with a deeper sense of unity so that we can model relationships that transcend differences in this divided world.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good,  
**Your steadfast love endures forever.**

O God, thank you for the gift of your Son, whose resurrection empowers us to look to the future with hope. Thank you for the gift of your Spirit who draws us into unity with you and one another for mission and ministry.

Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Lord's Prayer