

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: The sacrifice that honors God is a thankful heart.

Many: **We lift up our hearts with gratitude, and our voices with praise for all that God has done.**

One: Wait upon the Lord who is our help and shield.

All: **We trust in God's holy name and so we come to worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of promise and purpose, through Jesus Christ, you have called us to be your people and given us a purpose for our lives each day. We gather in worship today to be renewed to live out your purpose in the week ahead. We seek your wisdom and guidance to lead us through the choices we face and the challenges that surround us. You are our God and we offer you our loyalty and praise, so the world will see that we belong to you as we follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 3 (Red Hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Faithful God, we confess that our choices do not always reflect your purposes for our lives. Faithfulness to you is sometimes the last thing on our minds. We often choose the easiest way or what suits our interests, not yours. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to remember what you require of us. Renew a right spirit within us by your grace. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 686 (Red Hymnal)

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: O Lord, speak to us again through the teaching of Scripture. Challenge us and comfort us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, so that we are assured of your love and inspired to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:32-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Ordinary Can Be So Long* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (see insert)

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all*: **Bring healing, bring peace.**)

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 139 (Red Hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Bless what we offer for your purposes. Give us courage to offer ourselves more fully to you, so that our lives bring you honor and glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

**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

Refreshments Host today is Helen Lockman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Important Dates**

Mon, Aug. 8	NO Zoom Bible Study
Tues, Aug. 9	10 AM Session Meeting
Wed, Aug. 10	10 AM Bible Study In Person at Church

**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	Rhonda Liss
The Stallone Family	Sam Rizzo
Merrick Randall	Anita Catalanello
Casey DeSantis	Jeff Lovering
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family	Edith Van Raalte
Richard and Lynn Cardozo	Marie Idone
Frank Gencorelli	Maya Leibfreid
John Nistico	Kita Bouroff de Sesa

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**  
**Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! <sup>13</sup> Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, <sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Second Reading**  
**Luke 12:32-40**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”