

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2022

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: O God, our Shepherd,

Many: Gather us together and lead us like a flock.

One: O God, our Gardener,

Many: Plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.

One: O God, our Merciful Judge,

Many: We call upon your name in prayer and praise.

One: We bow before you, O God,

All: And offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty and mystery, we gather today in the presence of that great cloud of witnesses who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries. Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on you and wait for your Spirit to guide us. Holy One, we offer you all glory and honor in our worship, seeking to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that belongs to you. Amen.

* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal)

God Is Here!

(“*” 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: Attentive God, you care for us like a gardener tending a beautiful vineyard, blessing us with what we need to be fruitful. Yet we confess we fail to live up to your hopes for us. Instead of love and kindness, we produce anger and resentment. Instead of generosity, we produce greed and jealousy. Forgive us, O God. In your mercy, renew in us the fruit of the Spirit through the grace of Christ, our Lord.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 564 (Red Hymnal)

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Spirit of God, open our minds and hearts to receive God’s wisdom in the Scriptures. Show us how to live out that wisdom today and tomorrow, as we follow Jesus, who is for us God’s Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:49-56

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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MESSAGE *Hold To Faith*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
(Response **Faithful God, hear our prayer, and renew our faithfulness.**)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, bless the gifts we offer to you today. Use them to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honored for Christ's sake. 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

We welcome Jojo Gencorelli as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host today is Maya Leibfreid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Aug. 17 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
Merritt Randall	Anita Catalanello
Casey DeSantis	Jeff Lovering
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family	Edith Van Raalte
Richard and Lynn Cardozo	Marie Idone
Frank Gencorelli	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
Luke 12:49-56

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.