

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

**Many: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.**

One: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

**Many: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.**

One: Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together!**

\* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Light and Life, beauty and harmony mark your creation. As the seasons change we see you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. You offer us new possibilities day by day, and so we place our trust in your redeeming power. Renew our energy for mission this autumn and open our eyes to new opportunities. Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your work. Amen.**

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

(\* 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: Compassionate God, you open your heart to those in need and to your aching creation. We confess we often turn away so that we do not have to see pain, suffering or injustice right before our eyes. We don't like to feel uncomfortable or pressed into service.**

**Forgive us, and give us courage to love others as you love us and reach out with the care we have witnessed in Jesus.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 597 (Red Hymnal) *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Give us your Spirit of wisdom, O God, so that we may hear your Word speaking through the Scriptures with ears that understand and hearts moved to love. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *I Am Light*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *God of all creatures great and small: Make us stewards of what is precious to you.*)

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 367 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, and glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles the earth. Bless the ministries supported by our congregation. Use our gifts to multiply their impact in the world you love through Christ our 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

Refreshments Host today is Maya Leibfreid.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Important Dates**

Wed, Sept. 28 10 AM Bible Study In Person

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
The Mastrangelo Family  
Cathy and Jason Nelson  
The Stallone Family  
Merritt Randall  
Casey DeSantis  
Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family  
Richard and Lynn Cardozo  
Frank Gencorelli  
Kita Bouroff de Sesa

Dawn and John de Sesa  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Emily & Dwight Dyer  
Rhonda Liss  
Sam Rizzo  
Anita Catalanello  
Jeff Lovering  
Edith Van Raalte  
Marie Idone  
John Nistico

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

## **October Birthdays**

10/5 Warren Soare  
10/9 Mary Ann Soare  
10/14 Thomas Soare

## **First Reading**

**Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,<sup>2</sup> will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;<sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day<sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

## **Second Reading**

**John 8:1-15**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.<sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them.<sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them,<sup>4</sup> they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.<sup>5</sup> Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”<sup>6</sup> They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”<sup>8</sup> And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.<sup>9</sup> When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”<sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the

light of life.”<sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.”<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.<sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one.

## **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.