

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

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

OCTOBER 2, 2022

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: We come as guests invited to a table

**Many: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors**

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend and Savior, invites us to gather

**Many: We gather with his friends around the world**

One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise

**All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and Generous God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful and hopeless. You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup. We celebrate**

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

**our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares our flesh, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 514 (Blue Hymnal) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mercy and mystery, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *I Am The Bread of Life*

Toolan

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill us with the humble confidence we meet in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 137:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:33-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Bread of Life*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

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

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

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

\* 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.**

\* 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 Mary Matos.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, Oct. 5 10 AM Bible Study 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

Rhonda Liss

The Stallone Family

Sam Rizzo

Merritt Randall

Anita Catalanello

Jeff Lovering

Edith Van Raalte

Melanie Bailey & Martufi Family

Marie Idone

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

John Nistico

Frank Gencorelli

Graziella Girardi

Cantor Audrey Halpern

Rabbi Beth Klafter

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**

**Psalm 137:1-9**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion. <sup>2</sup> On the willows there we hung up our harps. <sup>3</sup> For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” <sup>4</sup> How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! <sup>6</sup> Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. <sup>7</sup> Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of

Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"<sup>8</sup> O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us!<sup>9</sup> Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

## Second Reading

**John 6:33-37**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."<sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."<sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe."<sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.

## ANTHEM

"I Am The Bread of Life"

- Toulan

I am the bread of Life, he who comes to me shall not hunger;  
He who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world  
And he who eats of this bread  
He shall live forever, he shall live forever.

And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life;  
He who believes in me, even if he die, he shall live forever.

And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.

## Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.