

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

Many: So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.

One: We gather together, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

Many: Trusting that God's peace and love are present here.

One: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

All: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, Light of the world, in the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your beauty. In frosted treetops, we delight in your splendor. Even in the cold of winter, your creation amazes us. We praise you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it. Just as months of winter renew creation for springtime growth, renew us with your Spirit in this time of worship to grow in faithfulness and service. Amen.

("*" 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: Holy One, we confess we have taken your creation for granted. We squander its resources as if they were only for us. We consume whatever we want, selfishly and carelessly. Forgive us, we pray. Shine your light on us so we see the ways of your wisdom more clearly and follow the path Jesus sets before us with more humble hearts.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *The Light, The Love*

Artman

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Holy God, your mysteries surround and astound us each day. Send your Holy Spirit to open the mysteries of Scripture for us so that our understanding is refreshed and courage to follow Christ renewed. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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MESSAGE *Discipleship*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

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

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 107 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

* 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus Christ, your love makes us salt for the earth and light for the world. Bless our gifts so that they bring light into dark days and salt to flavor the earth with your justice and mercy. 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.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

Refreshments Host today is Mary Matos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Sun, Feb. 5	11:45 AM	Piano Recital by Kexin Liu
Wed, Feb. 8	10 AM	Bible Study In Person

Whole Church Book Club – *Look for the announcement of the Lenten Book Club, details to follow.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Mastrangelo Family	The Family of Dwight Dyer
Paula Liscio	Rhonda Liss
The Stallone Family	Sam Rizzo
Merritt Randall	Charlie Barba
Jeff Lovering	The Family of Edith Van Raalte
Marie Idone	John Nistico
Richard and Lynn Cardozo	Graziella Girardi
Frank Gencorelli	Sheemeza Ali
The Muoio Family	The Galluzzo Family
Paul Whelan and Family	Joyce Zanchelli
Nico Barley	

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees
All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose

the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world

but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

ANTHEM

“The Light, The Love”

- Artman

The Light of the Lord surrounds us, ev’ry one;
The Glory of His presence shines brighter than the sun!
He may shine within us and keep us from sin;
If we but ask His blessing, and let Him dwell within!
His mercy and compassion are with us on our way!
His love is like a flame, eternal and pure;
It may bring us blessed joy, and make salvation sure!
Wherever we may wander, how ever dark the night,
Our precious Lord is near us, to guide our steps aright!
For He is watching o’er us, where’er we may be,
That we may know His Light and Love, unto eternity!

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.