

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 475 (Blue Hymnal) *O That I Had a Thousand Voices, vs 1&4*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Happy are those who walk with God

**Many: We sing God's praise everywhere**

One: Happy are those who seek God

**Many: We worship God with our whole hearts**

One: Happy are those that know God's steadfast love

**Many: For God's love endures**

One: Happy are those who follow God's will

**All: For they serve God's glory. Amen**

ANTHEM: *Sing of the Glory*

Paige

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of glory, happy are we who invite you into this space today. We come together to hear your Word and to show you praise. We come into this space to know your presence and feel your love. Come into our hearts and minds during this worship and connect us to your ways. Let us worship and let your light shine. 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: Gracious God, we have created so many rules to follow and yet we have failed to listen to your rule. We have created so much wealth on the earth and yet we have forgotten that you are the Creator. We continue to rush and do instead of stopping and listening. We hear you calling us to be different; to show a different way, help us when we stumble.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 391 (Blue Hymnal)

*Take My Life*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Holy God, descend your spirit into the Word today as it is read, spoken and interpreted. Work within us and your Spirit so that this world may come to truly know your wisdom and glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 119:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:21-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Upside Down*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 344 (Blue Hymnal)

*Christ of the Upward Way*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 399 (Blue Hymnal) *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

#### 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

**God of glory, you have called and we respond. Some of our responses are offering our gifts of time, talent, money and energy to push your will forward. Continue to bless us with these gifts so that our church may continue to work in this world. Work within the gifts we offer so that your glory can shine through our church, community and beyond. 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 by Soraya Gage in honor of Dan Bancroft.

Refreshments Host today is Soraya Gage.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **Upcoming Dates**

Wed, Feb. 15	10 AM Bible Study In Person
Tues, Feb. 28	2:30 PM Session Meeting

We will be participating in a “**Sacred Cinema Lenten Film Fest**” as part of a Shared Ecumenical Season of Lent with other area Presbyterian churches (Bellmore, Syosset, Merrick, Baldwin, Oceanside and Roslyn), **Wednesday nights at 7 pm via Zoom** (link to be sent on day of event). Each week, a clergy member will introduce a movie clip with some queries for reflection for our Lenten journey.

March 1: ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’

March 8: ‘Jerry & Marge’ (Pastor Marjory to lead)

March 15: ‘Prince of Egypt’

March 22: ‘Up’ or ‘Big Fish’

March 29: ‘Babette’s Feast’

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck

Eddie Balsamo

The Family of Dwight Dyer

Sam Rizzo

Charlie Barba

Marie Idone

Graziella Girardi

Sheemeza Ali

Joyce Zanchelli

Agatina D’Aria

Adele Martuffi

John Nistico

Dawn and John de Sesa

Rev. Stark Jones

The Stallone Family

Merritt Randall

The Family of Edith Van Raalte

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

Frank Gencorelli

Paul Whelan and Family

Nico Barley

Emmie Shoch

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo

Nora Shimmel

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

#### **First Reading**

##### **Psalm 119:1-8**

##### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, <sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong but walk in his ways. <sup>4</sup> You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. <sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! <sup>6</sup> Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will

praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.<sup>8</sup> I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

## **Second Reading**

### **Matthew 5:21-37**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’  
<sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.  
<sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,  
<sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.  
<sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.  
<sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.  
<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’  
<sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
<sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.  
<sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.  
<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’  
<sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.  
<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’  
<sup>34</sup>But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,  
<sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.  
<sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.  
<sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

## **ANTHEM** **“Sing of the Glory”**

- Paige

Sing of the glory of the Lord forever,  
Praise, all the earth. Sing of His worth.  
Sing of the splendor of His majesty.  
Praise Him for He is truth and light.  
Proclaim the glory of the everlasting Lord.  
Behold the wonder of His might.  
Sing of the glory of the Lord forever.  
Sing, all the earth. Sing of His worth.  
Sing of the glory of the Lord.

### **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.