

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: O God, you are a hiding place for us;

Many: You preserve us from trouble.

One: Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

Many: For in times of distress, God is with us.

One: The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

Many: God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

One: So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

All: We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

* HYMN: 87 (Blue Hymnal) *The Glory of These Forty Days*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our Creator and Companion, your love is as fresh as the new day, rising like the sun to guide us. You walk with us to challenge and encourage us, revealing our weakness yet offering us hope. We praise you for such gifts! In this time of worship, open us to the new possibilities you create for the world you love. With the power of the Holy Spirit, energize us to embrace the future, trusting in your Grace. 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: God our Creator and Companion, you created us to be your partners in creation, but we confess we're not happy being partners. We prefer to have our own way. We like to manage the world without your guidance. We are often tempted to satisfy our own desires without counting the cost to others, or to the earth itself. Lord, have mercy on us.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Lenten Meditation*

Kern

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of Life, send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to stories from Scripture that may sound familiar. Speak your truth in ways that open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Resisting Temptation*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 80 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

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 God, we offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all the goodness you provide. Bless our gifts and our lives so that we become a source of goodness for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our hope. 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 Maya Leibfreid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Tues, Feb. 28	2:30 PM Session Meeting
Wed, Mar. 1	10 AM Bible Study In Person
Wed, Mar. 1	7 PM 'Jesus Christ Superstar' Zoom

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

March Birthdays

3/4 Nora Shimmel

3/13 Carrie Gilmore

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you

eat of it you shall die.”³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die,⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory,⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

ANTHEM **“Lenten Meditation”**

- Kern

Surely all our griefs He bore, all our sorrows evermore,
Yet His voice we have not heard nor listened to His call.
All we like sheep have gone astray, each has turned to his own way
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of all.

Now Barabbas was a robber and in our hearts we set him free.
The Lord, the Lamb, the great I Am we send to Calvary.
For our sins have made Him drink the cup of pain and misery;
And so, the Son, the Holy One shall die upon a tree.

But He was wounded for our sins and now He is our shield.
Through His pain we live in peace and by His wounds we are healed.

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.