

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God's Truth opens our eyes on the world.

Many: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.

One: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

Many: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.

One: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

Many: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.

All: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

* HYMN: 11 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator, Christ and Spirit, you provide what we need to live from the bounty of creation. God of mercy, you know us through and through and you love us. God of hope, you have an everlasting purpose for us. God of wisdom, you open our minds and teach and guide us. So we come to worship you, Source of Wisdom, Son of Mercy, Spirit of Hope, offering you our prayers and our praise, trusting you to offer us the gifts we need to thrive and to serve you in the world you love. 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 Redeemer, we are not proud of all you hear in our thoughts and prayers. We complain when we want things to change but don't know what to do. We justify ourselves when you call us to change but we don't want to. We blame others when things change and upset our expectations. Forgive us, God, when we are not listening for you.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Spirit of the Living God*

Iverson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Jesus Christ, we turn to you this day to be refreshed by God's living Word in the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to your truth and shine truth on the way you set before us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Justification by Faith*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 314 (Red Hymnal) *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Revealing God: Guide us in spirit and in truth.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

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

Loving God, with our gifts we offer you our very selves, knowing you receive us as we are. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. 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 Katie Zarghami.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, Mar. 15	10 AM Bible Study In Person
Wed, Mar. 15	7 PM 'Prince of Egypt' 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 15: 'Prince of Egypt'

March 22: 'Up' or 'Big Fish'

March 29: 'Babette's Feast'

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck	Dawn and John de Sesa
Eddie Balsamo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Family of Dwight Dyer	The Stallone Family
Sam Rizzo	Merritt Randall
Charlie Barba	The Family of Edith Van Raalte
The Catalanello Family	Richard and Lynn Cardozo
Graziella Girardi	Frank Gencorelli
Sheemeza Ali	Paul Whelan and Family
Joyce Zanchelli	Nico Barley
Agatina D'Aria	Emmie Shoch
Adele Martuffi	Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo
John Nistico	Nora Shimmel

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

First Reading

Romans 5:1-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a

good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Second Reading

John 4:5-30

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on

this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

ANTHEM

"Spirit of the Living God"

- Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.

Spirit of the living God, Move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, Make us one in love,
Humble, caring, Selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, Fill our lives with love.