

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The Lord is our Shepherd.

**Many: God leads us by still waters.**

One: Christ restores our souls.

**Many: The Spirit leads us in right paths.**

One: Let us worship God who is always with us.

**All: We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness and mercy!**

\* HYMN: 379 (Blue Hymnal) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and loving God, you are the Source of all that sustains us. You are compassion, embracing us when we call for mercy. You are mercy guiding us through anxious times. You are wisdom, revealing truth to challenge and renew us. Holy One, you bless us with your presence day by day, so we turn to you in worship, to seek your blessing once again. We offer you our love and loyalty, our prayers and our praise, for you are Love, Light and Life for us, and we belong to you. 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 of life and love, these days we confess that events around us shake our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth is twisted by misleading claims, we wonder if love can prevail over lies.**

**When we face trouble, we wonder if you love us at all. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in your love.**

(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: Light of the world, your Word brings new vision and hope. Shine your Spirit on us, as we listen to the Scriptures, to open our eyes on your Word at work in the world, and show us the path we can follow. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 9:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Preconceived Notions*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 84 (Blue Hymnal) *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Shepherd God, fill us with your love: Lead us on your paths.*)

### OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Come! Live in the Light!*

### 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, our Good Shepherd, receive these gifts and bless them with your love. Use them to bring light and healing to the world you love for the sake of Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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 Jojo Gencorelli in honor of Frank Gencorelli's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Refreshments Host today is Natalie Naylor.

### **“Sacred Cinema Lenten Film Fest” Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom**

March 22: ‘Big Fish’

March 29: ‘Babette’s Feast’

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Upcoming Dates**

Wed, Mar. 22	10 AM Bible Study In Person
Wed, Mar. 22	7 PM ‘Big Fish’ Zoom
Tues, Mar. 28	1:30 PM Session Meeting

### **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
George Sgouros	

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

### **First Reading**

#### **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

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

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his

sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 9:1-17**

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to

him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

## **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.