

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 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: More than those who watch for the morning,

**Many: We wait faithfully for God.**

One: With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

**Many: We wait faithfully for God.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

**All: And offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.**

ANTHEM: *We Wait for Thee*

Johnson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise you. In the face of all that wearies us and worries us, your Word echoes across the centuries with hope. As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season, his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our sorrows, walking with us, sharing our tears. You stand beside us when we don't know which way to turn. In this time of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises. Draw near to us when we need you the most with love**

("\*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

**that will never let us go. And so we offer you our wonder and our praise in the name of Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God who knows us through and through, we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith. We remember difficult times and wonder where you were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 486 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 11:17-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Restored!*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 83 (Blue Hymnal) *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Christ of majesty and mercy: Bring your compassion to this world once more.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 684 (Red Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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

**We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.

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

March 29: ‘Babette’s Feast’

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Upcoming Dates

Tues, Mar. 28	1:30 PM	Session Meeting
Wed, Mar. 29	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Wed, Mar. 29	7 PM	‘Babette’s Feast’ Zoom

#### April Birthdays

4/1	Dolores Augustine
4/25	Bridget Johnson

#### 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	Jeff Lovering

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

#### First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14      **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the

Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

## Second Reading

### John 11:17-44      **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her

because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

## ANTHEM

### “We Wait For Thee”

– Johnson

Dark is the night and empty the sky, As the ground lies still and cold.  
We pause in solemn anticipation, As we wait for the promise of old.

Come, thou Prince of Peace; Come, great Lord of lords;  
Come, set Your people free. Come, Desire of the nations, come,  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.

Revive our hearts and renew our minds, Come and bring us peace to endure.  
Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Emanuel, God with us!

Come, thou Prince of Peace; Come great Lord of lords;  
Come, set your people free. Come, Desire of the nations, come,  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee,  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee!