

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: We have come from many places, following different roads.

Many: We come hungering for greater understanding.

One: We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

Many: We come seeking companions in the faith.

One: We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

Many: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.

All: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving God, we gather in your Son's name this day, united by your Spirit to your followers throughout all time and space. It is amazing to remember that the stories we hear about you today have transformed so many other lives for so many centuries. It is amazing to consider how lives, not so very different from our own, carried your love from one generation to another, from one church to another, from one part of the world to another. As we join together in worship, open our eyes to new opportunities to

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

express our love for you, and share your love in the lives we touch; for we are your people and we praise God in your holy name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Week by week we open our lives before you, acknowledging ways we sometimes lose track of you. We are driven and feel busy so we let other things come before you in our lives. Changes upend us and we don't know where to turn. Forgive us when we forget that you are with us day by day. Renew us in your love, we pray.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* Governor

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Living God, you speak to us in sacred story, through friendship and conversation, in bread broken and wine poured out. Send us your Holy Spirit as the Scriptures are read. May our hearts burn within us as we encounter your truth, through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Numbers 22:21-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Recognize* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 589 (Red Hymnal) *Here I Am, Lord*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
(Response to *God in your mercy: Hear our prayers.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

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

Generous God, you bless us with life, purpose, and opportunities to serve in the world you love. We offer you our gifts in Christ's name, not seeking greater gain, but desiring to enrich life around us with your love. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

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| 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 Natalie Naylor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

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| Mon, Apr. 24 | 1 PM | Cemetery Committee Meeting |
| Mon, Apr, 24 | 1:30 PM | Session Meeting |
| Wed, Apr. 26 | 10 AM | Bible Study In Person |

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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| 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

Numbers 22:21-39

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²¹ So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab. ²² God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. ²⁴ Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. ²⁶ Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the Lord opened the mouth of the

donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"²⁹ Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!"³⁰ But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."³¹ Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face.³² The angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me."³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live."³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home."³⁵ The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.³⁶ When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at Ir-moab, on the boundary formed by the Arnon, at the farthest point of the boundary.³⁷ Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?"³⁸ Balaam said to Balak, "I have come to you now, but do I have power to say just anything? The word God puts in my mouth, that is what I must say."³⁹ Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did

not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive."²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ANTHEM

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

- Governor

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered from the curse to set me free.
I will sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how he gives to us the vict'ry over sin and death and hell.
I will tell the wondrous story how, my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy he the ransom freely gave.
I will sing of my Redeemer, and his heav'nly love to me,
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
I will sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me,
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.
I will sing of my Redeemer.