

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 435 (Red Hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

Many: God, you are with us!

One: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

Many: God, restore our souls!

One: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

Many: God, we will not be afraid!

All: God, our Shepherd, we praise for your goodness and mercy with us every day.

* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of love, we come trusting that your love has the power to defeat evil in the world. Jesus shows us that your love defeats even the power of death. You are with us through the darkest valleys so that we are not afraid. We worship you with glad hearts, praising you in the name of our Risen Lord, praying with the breath of your Spirit in us. Renew our strength and courage to face whatever each day holds, so our lives will bring you honor and

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

glory, now and always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of love, we confess that too often we let the events around us shatter our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth gets lost among misleading claims, we wonder if love can prevail over lies. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in the power of your love so soon after it raised Jesus from death's grip.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Calvary's Love* McHugh/Nelson/ arr. Hayes/de Sesa

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of green pastures and still waters, quiet our hearts and minds as we listen to the Scriptures. By your Spirit, deepen our understanding so that we come to know you more fully, and follow your Word more faithfully. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *The Faith To Do*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 426 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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, with a tender heart, we thank you for the care you offer to us as our Shepherd. Bless the gifts we offer so they will spread your abundant love to lives in need of caring. Bless our lives so that we may care for the world as we follow Jesus day by day. 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.

May Birthdays

5/10 Gary B. de Sesa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, May 3	10 AM Bible Study In Person
Sun, May 7	11 AM Mission Committee Meeting
Tues, May 23	1 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	Jeff Lovering

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

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading

John 10:1-10

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

ANTHEM

“Calvary's Love”

- McHugh/Nelson/Hayes/de Sesa

Calvary's love will sail forever, bright and shining, strong and free,
Like an ark of peace and safety on the sea of human need.
Through the hours of all the ages those tired of sailing on their own
Finally rest inside the shadow cast by Calvary's love across their souls.

Chorus:

Calvary's love, Calvary's love
Priceless gift Christ makes us worthy of;
The deepest sin can't rise above Calvary's love.

Calvary's love has never faltered. All its wonders still remain.
Souls still take eternal passage; sins atoned and heaven gained,
Sins atoned and heaven gained.

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.