

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 40 (Blue Hymnal) *Joy to the World!*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God is our Rock and our Fortress.

Many: In God, we find refuge and strength.

One: God's house has many dwelling places.

Many: We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

Many: For us, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

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

* HYMN: 121 (Blue Hymnal) *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Steadfast God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter when we are afraid, and our dwelling place forever. In you alone we place our trust, for you set the way before us in Christ Jesus, and your Spirit gives us courage to follow him. And so we offer you our worship and love as the Source of life for the world, as the Son who preached the truth of grace and mercy, and the Spirit who guides us this day and always. 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: Steadfast God, we confess Jesus as the way, the truth and the life for us, yet we often fail to follow him, too often have gone our own way, distorted the truth and led deadly lives. Forgive us for falling short of your purpose for our lives. Give us courage to follow Jesus, who continues to show us the way.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Meditation for Communion*

Althouse

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide our understanding as we listen to the Scriptures so that we may follow you more closely, know your truth more fully, and share in your gift of life more abundantly, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE *Not Alone*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 140 (Blue Hymnal) *Holy, Holy*

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, we bless you for life renewed through Christ's love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Use the gifts we offer to bring hope and renewal to the world you love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen 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 Helen Lockman.

Whole Church Book Club – *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz
Meetings are the following Mondays at 7pm via Zoom: May 8, 15, 22, June 5 and 12. For May 8, please read Intro through Chapter 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, May 10	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
Tues, May 23	1 PM	Session Meeting
Sun, Jun 11	11 AM	Church Picnic
Fri, Jun 16	8 PM	Adelphi Concert
Sat, Jun 17	1 PM	Dwight Dyer Memorial

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

1 Chronicles 17:1-15 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**
Now when David settled in his house, David said to the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent."² Nathan said to David, "Do all that you have in mind, for God is with you."³ But that same night the word of God came to Nathan, saying,⁴ "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: You shall not build me a house to live in."⁵ For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought out Israel to this very day, but I have lived in a tent and a tabernacle.⁶ Wherever I have moved about among all Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the judges of

Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’⁷ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people Israel,⁸ and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies before you, and I will make for you a name like the name of the great ones of the earth.⁹ I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall wear them down no more, as they did formerly,¹⁰ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I declare to you that the Lord will build you a house.¹¹ When your days are fulfilled to go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom.¹² He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.¹³ I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you,¹⁴ but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.”¹⁵ In accordance with all these words and all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Second Reading

John 14:1-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that

I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

ANTHEM

“Meditation For Communion”

- Althouse

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life are spoken and in whose death our sins are dead,
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be the feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed.
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed.
Amen, amen.

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.