

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 468 (Blue Hymnal) *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Let us be joyful before God!

Many: **We will sing praises to God's holy name.**

One: Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

Many: **Who protects orphans and widows, and gives the desolate a home.**

One: Sing to God, all nations of the earth;

All: **We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!**

ANTHEM: *I Sing Praises*

MacAlmon

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**God of Majesty and Mystery, we praise you as Lord of all, maker of the deepest dimensions and delicate details of all that is. You live beyond time and hold all our days in your hands. You still come to us in Jesus as Lord of Mercy, to walk with us wherever we are in the world. You claim us as beloved children, blessed by the Spirit in his name. Receive our prayers and praise this day, and inspire us to live as witnesses to your grace and goodness here and everywhere, now 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: Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we often cannot find the words to tell others of our faith and hope. We fall silent when we could speak up. We try to act out your love, but we confess we usually act in our own best interests. Forgive us all the ways we fail to follow you.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 294 (Blue Hymnal) *Wherever I May Wander*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your Word in Scripture. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:44-53

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *God Never Left*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 364 (Blue Hymnal) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 419 (Blue Hymnal) *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

## 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

**Eternal and ever-present God, we offer you these gifts in thanksgiving for the work of Christ in our lives. Bless them and us with the power of the Spirit, enlisting all our gifts for the work of reconciliation Christ has given us to do in the world you love. 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 Maya Leibfreid.

**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 22, June 5 and 12. For May 22, please read Chapters 6-8.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Upcoming Dates**

Mon, May 22	7 PM	Book Club via Zoom
Tues, May 23	1 PM	Session Meeting
Wed, May 24	10 AM	Bible Study In Person
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**

Emily Dyer	The Family of Edith Van Raalte
George Aridas	Richard and Lynn Cardozo
Emma Steck	Frank Gencorelli
Nora Shimmel	Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones	Joyce Zanchelli
Eddie Balsamo	Sam Rizzo
Charlie Barba	The Catalanello Family
Graziella Girardi	Sheemeza Ali
Paul Whelan and Family	Nico Barley
Agatina D'Aria	Emmie Shoch
Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo	John Nistico
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 1:1-11**

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;<sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit

not many days from now.”<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”<sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.”<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

### **Second Reading**

**Luke 24:44-53**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.”<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,<sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### **ANTHEM** **“I Sing Praises”**

- MacAlmon

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

### **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.