

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 6, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: The Holy One is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: The Holy One is good to all, with compassion for all God's creation.

One: The Holy One upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Many: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

One: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Many: The Holy One is just in all ways and always kind.

One: The Holy One is near to all who call on God, to all who call in truth.

Many: The Holy One fulfills the desire of all who are in fear and also hears their cry and saves them.

One: The Holy One watches over all who love the Divine Presence and will make wickedness no more.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the Holy One, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

* HYMN: 147 (Red Hymnal) *How Great Thou Art*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and we who have need come, receive the abundance of substance provided freely for our bodies and souls. Incline our ears, and let us come to God to listen, so that we may live. Our Creator makes an everlasting covenant with us as God has with our ancestors. We ask for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in this sacred space, so we can recommit ourselves through word, love and action to our everlasting covenant with our God in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love, you created us in your image of love. There have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 139 (Red Hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of the seeking heart, we search for truth in a world filled with hidden agendas. Send us your Holy Spirit to guide us to the treasures hidden in your Word, for the sake of Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for us. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:13-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Just Give Jesus What You Got*

Rev. Dr. Antionette Walrond

* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

We welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Antionette Walrond, filling in for Pastor Marjory today.

We welcome Kexin Liu as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host for today is Helen Lockman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, Aug. 9 7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

Wed, Aug. 16 No Bible Study

Wed, Aug. 23 7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

Wed, Aug. 30 7 PM Bible Study via Zoom

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer

Jojo Gencorelli

George Aridas

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

Emma Steck

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

Jeff Lovering

Regina Maria

Rhonda Liss

Paula Liscio

Jennifer Galluzzo

Tom Stallone

Elizabeth Bienz

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

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

¹ Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. ² Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. ³ Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. ⁴ Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. ⁵ My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. ⁶ I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. ⁷ Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

Second Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote

place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.