

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

Many: We will tell the world what God has done.

One: Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

Many: We will honor God's name with shouts of joy!

One: Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Surprising and mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect it, calling us out of our routines and plans, inviting us to follow Christ into new opportunities. We praise you for the many ways you come to us. In moments of fear, you speak with words of reassurance. In moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to hold. In moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm. You are faithful to us through everything life can bring. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful and patient God, we confess that we still experience fear and doubt, even though you reach out to us with saving grace. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we can give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness. Forgive us all the times we let you down. Renew our lives through your mercy and grace.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 151 (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of wisdom, as we gather to hear your Word this day, calm our spirits and still our minds so that we can receive your message with clarity and respond in faithfulness. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:5-15

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MESSAGE *No Fear*

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

(Response to *Steady God: Reach out to us in the storms of life.*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 564 (Red Hymnal) *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

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

Faithful God, bless the gifts we bring to you today. Use them and us to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world so that your goodness will flourish and your name be honored for Christ's sake. 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 Kexin Liu as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, Aug. 16	No Bible Study
Tues, Aug. 22	1 PM Session Meeting
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
Ray Peres	

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

First Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can

they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”