

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: We give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts,

**Many: For God's faithful love endures forever.**

One: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

**Many: For God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.**

One: We place our trust in in God with full confidence,

**All: And so we come to worship with hearts full of praise.**

\* HYMN: 214 (Red Hymnal) *He Has Made Me Glad*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and yet you come to us afresh each new day. You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged. You offer healing for what is worn or broken. You restore hope when things seem impossible. You are the source of life and love for all your creatures, and you renew us to put our love for you into action for the wellbeing of your creation. And so we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, offering our prayers and praise to you, eternal and ever-present God, 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: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world. You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom, but we wait for others to do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out, and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Source of all wisdom and understanding, amid so many competing voices, let us hear your word for our times. Send your Holy Spirit to help us discern your will and follow the path Jesus sets for us as your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 589 (Red Hymnal) *Here I Am, 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

**O God, bless what we offer today as well as the time, talent and concern we will offer you this week. We trust that, with your blessing, your Holy Spirit is able to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine 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 Kexin Liu as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Upcoming Dates

Mon, Aug. 28	4 PM	Session Meeting
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	Jennifer Monda
Katie Zarghami	

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

#### **First Reading**

##### **Matthew 16:13-20**                      **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"  
<sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **Second Reading**

### **Romans 12:1-8**

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.