

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Many: We will worship God, our Maker!

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

Many: For God is gracious and loving!

One: Let us bring God glory and honor,

All: For God deserves our praise.

* HYMN: 185 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining. Your love is wider than the whole universe; your mercy reached beyond the highest heavens; your wisdom lies deeper than the fathoms of the sea. Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, walking the roads we take each day. Through your Spirit, you are present with us in every time and place, to comfort and challenge us. We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, and will live to bring you glory, 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: God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a people divided. We harbor fears and jealousy which set neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and the wellbeing of less privileged peoples. Have mercy upon us, O God. Set us free from our old ways to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *How Excellent Your Name*

Jacobs

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of Word and Wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit, so that by your light, we may see clearly what you call us to be and to do. Engage us by your truth so we know how best to follow Christ Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE *What Is Owed?*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 56 (Red Hymnal) *To God Be The Glory*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 648 (Red Hymnal) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

Gracious God, receive these gifts, offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world you love for Jesus' sake. 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.

Refreshments Host for today is Mary Matos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wed, Sept. 13 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	Jeanette Schramm

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

First Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

ANTHEM

“How Excellent Your Name”

- Jacobs

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent Your name is,
How excellent Your name in all the earth.
Your glory fills the heavens beyond the farthest star,
How excellent Your name in all the earth.

When I think about the heavens, the moon and all the stars,
I wonder what You ever saw in me.
But You took me and You loved me, and You've given me a crown,
And now I'll praise Your name eternally.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent Your name is,
How excellent Your name in all the earth.
Your glory fills the heavens beyond the farthest star,
How excellent Your name in all the earth.

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.