

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (Responsive)

One: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

Many: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

One: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

Many: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

One: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

* HYMN: 548 (Red Hymnal) *As the Deer*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation

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

and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: All-embracing God, we confess we don't like to feel uncomfortable. We often turn away from suffering or injustice, even when the evidence is right before our eyes. We don't like to feel responsible for reaching out, even when we could. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage to love others as you love us, and respond with the same mind we meet in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN: 460 (Red Hymnal) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.

Praise be to God!

We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.

Praise be to God!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Send us your Spirit of wisdom, O God, so that we may hear your Word speaking through the Scriptures with ears that understand and hearts that respond in love. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:23-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Full*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 514 (Blue Hymnal) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERTORY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer so that they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail and diversity. May our gifts touch the need around us in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.

* 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.

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

Refreshments Host today is Pastor Marjory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Oct. 4

7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

Wed, Oct. 18

7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

October Birthdays

10/5 Warren Soare

10/9 Mary Ann Soare

10/14 Thomas Soare

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Katie Zarghami

Emily Dyer

Jojo Gencorelli

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

Emmie Shoch

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo

John Nistico

Jeff Lovering

Regina Maria

Rhonda Liss

Paula Liscio

Jennifer Galluzzo

The Stallone Family

Elizabeth Bienz

Ray Peres \

Jennifer Monda

Jeanette Schramm

Families of victims in Ukraine and all the Ukrainian refugees

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak

First Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain

conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Second Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.³² For

John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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.