

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal) *God Is Here!*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God crowns the year with bounty;

Many: Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

One: Valleys deck themselves with grain, and sing together for joy.

All: So let us all praise God for all God's goodness to us.

* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of abundant love, when we hunger for fulfillment, you offer us the Bread of Life. When we thirst for your presence, you fill our cup to overflowing. You draw near to us in every place, at any time. Holy One, in you our deepest desires are fulfilled. So to you, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we offer thanksgiving, honor

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

and praise with all your people, here and everywhere, now and always.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of abundant mercy, you see our failures to keep your law of love. We have not always loved our neighbors as you taught. We find it impossible to love our enemies as Jesus asked. Forgive us all the times we failed to live out your love. Renew in us the courage to offer others the generosity of heart you have shown us in Jesus.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* Hayes

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: O God, by your gifts of Word and Spirit, open our minds to greater understanding, our hearts to deeper love, and our wills to eager service, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:33-46

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MESSAGE *How's Your Fruit* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN: 230 (Blue Hymnal) *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

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, we offer our gifts as tokens of our gratitude for what we have to share in these challenging times. Bless our gifts and our energy so they will bless others in need in our community and around your world, for the sake of Christ our Lord. 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

Important Dates

Wed, Oct. 18 7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” ⁷The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Second Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

ANTHEM

“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” - Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made
And I will sing my Maker’s praise!
This is the day the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and give God praise!

Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty?
Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?
You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.
You are my heart’s Desire:
My soul implores me to exalt your holy name.
Your name is music unto my ears;
And I must sing of the great love you’ve shown to me
Because my heart will not be still.

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This is the day the Lord has made.
I will be glad!

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.