

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 367 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

ANTHEM: *I Sing Praises* MacAlmon

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Many: Here God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Many: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

One: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear

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

our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 342 (Red Hymnal) *Rock of Ages*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of prophets and parables, we gather to listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. By your Spirit, grant us fresh understanding, and challenge us to live according to your transforming grace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 642 (Red Hymnal) *Abide With Me*

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

Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance you share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. 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 Katie Zarghami.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Oct. 18	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, Nov. 1	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, Nov. 15	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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? ³ Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. ⁴ Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them, ⁵ that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise. ⁶ We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly. ¹⁹ At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal. ²⁰ They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which

eats grass. ²¹ They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, ²² miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. ²³ So he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

ANTHEM **“I Sing Praises”**

- MacAlmon

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,
Glory to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,
Glory to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

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.