

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

Many: We have come to worship God.

One: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

Many: We have come to worship God.

One: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

Many: We offer our prayer and praise to worship God.

One: In the shadow of our siblings in faith

Many: We join together to worship God

One: For we trust in God's power and presence,

All: So let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creating God, the mountains you raised reflect your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees colored with autumn glory

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

sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the depth of space give a glimpse of your infinity. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone give us hope. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, we praise you, and join our voices to those of every age to wonder at your mystery and majesty. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Majesty*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, you created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim smallness when you set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet, every sin offends your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 457 (Blue Hymnal) *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of all truth, when we think that we have life all figured out, hold up the mirror of your Word so that we can see our own foolishness. If we think we are beyond forgiveness, reflect to us your Word of mercy and love, offered to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Reformed, Ever Reforming* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 151 (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 119 (Blue Hymnal) *The Strife Is O'er*

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

Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them – and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them 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

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Robert Gilmore

Pastor

Director, Ministry of Music

Clerk of Session

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Refreshments Host for today is Cathy Shimmel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Nov. 1

7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

Wed, Nov. 15

7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Katie Zarghami

Jojo Gencorelli

Emma Steck

Dawn and John de Sesa

Joyce Zanchelli

Sam Rizzo

The Catalanello Family

Sheemeza Ali

Nico Barley

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo

Jeff Lovering

Rhonda Liss

Jennifer Galluzzo

Elizabeth Bienz

Jennifer Monda

Emily Dyer

Richard and Lynn Cardozo

Nora Shimmel

Rev. Stark Jones

Eddie Balsamo

Charlie Barba

Graziella Girardi

Paul Whelan and Family

Emmie Shoch

John Nistico

Regina Maria

Paula Liscio

The Stallone Family

Ray Peres

Jeanette Schramm

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

November Birthdays

11/9 Louise Dunbar

11/19 Gary de Sesa

11/22 Suzan Chou

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Second Reading

Matthew 22:34-46 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, ⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’ ⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

ANTHEM

“Majesty”

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, Kingdom authority flow from his throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

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.