

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

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: God's praise endures forever,

Many: And eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

One: God's praise endures forever,

Many: And glory bursts into ordinary activities.

One: God's praise endures forever,

Many: And faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

All: Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

* HYMN: 267 (Blue Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, you are the wisdom behind all mystery, the glory hidden in all that makes us wonder, the strength in all that nourishes. With eyes open and spirits alert, we experience your glory around us. Scattered throughout the earth, smoldering deep inside us and radiating in acts of love, sparks of your glory reside.

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

We feel joy each time we encounter you. So we gather to express our praise and gratitude for all the good we have experienced, knowing it all comes from your hand, for you are Creator, Christ and Spirit, Ever Three and Ever One.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we confess there are many times we forget you. We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer. We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places. In thoughtless moments, we harm the earth and each another. Forgive us. Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes revealed in Christ who loves us. Amen.

(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: Source of Wisdom, still our minds as we listen to the Scriptures. Send your Spirit to keep us alert and attuned to your life-giving Word this day. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:21-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *What Says Jesus*

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

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

Lord Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow you, offering others the healing and hope you have offered us. Amen.

* HYMN: 319 (Blue Hymnal) *Spirit*

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.

Please be advised:

The Annual Meeting of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church and Congregation will take place today, **Sunday, Jan. 28 at 11:15 AM.**

Refreshments Hosts for today are Soraya Gage, Cathy Shimmel, and Katie Zarghami.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Jan. 28	11:15 AM	RPC Annual Meeting
Wed, Jan. 31	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer	Emma Steck
Nora Shimmel	Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones	Joyce Zanchelli
Eddie Balsamo	Sam Rizzo
The Catalanello Family	Graziella Girardi
Sheemeza Ali	Paul Whelan and Family
Emmie Shoch	Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo
John Nistico	Jeff Lovering
Regina Maria	Rhonda Liss
Paula Liscio	The Stallone Family
Elizabeth Bienz	Ray Peres
Jay Sikserz	Family of Amaliga Knavs

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East.

February Birthdays

2/1	Cathy Shimmel
2/14	James Shimmel
2/22	Katie Zarghami

First Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Second Reading

Mark 1:21-28

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.