

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 429 (Red Hymnal) *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God has invited us to come.

**Many: So we gather.**

One: God has spoken to the world.

**Many: So we listen.**

One: God has given us glimpses of grace and mercy.

**Many: So we wait, longing for healing, eager for hope.**

One: God has been faithful to all generations.

**All: So we offer our praise to God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

\* HYMN: 272 (Blue Hymnal) *God of the Sparrow*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creator God, Source of all life, in you all creatures are connected, all creation redeemed and made new. Day by day you reveal yourself to us. In the beauty of the heavens we see your glory. In the bounty of the earth we know your generosity. In strength for our bodies and minds we experience your energy. Delighting in all**

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

**that we have seen, heard, and known, we worship you, one God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, holy and loving, now and always.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Creator God, Source of love and mercy, we confess to you our sins of busy-ness. Sometimes we're so busy we overlook those we love. Sometimes we think we're so busy, we make excuses and avoid important commitments. Sometimes we make ourselves busy and neglect you. Forgive us. Calm our minds and hearts so we can set priorities and honor them – and you.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Love's Way* Martin  
In Memory of Ron Lockman

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: O God, with your Spirit, focus our attention as we listen to the Scriptures. Help us absorb your Word more deeply, come to know you better, and serve you with greater purpose for Christ's sake. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:29-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Free of Charge* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (see insert)

**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

**Generous God, we bring our offering to you, trusting that you will bless our gifts and use them in ways we cannot even imagine. Jesus touched so many lives in so many different ways. We ask that these gifts will touch many lives, too, with your healing and hope in these challenging times. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 538 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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 Natalie Naylor.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Dates**

Wed, Feb. 14 7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

Wed, Feb. 28 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.

## **First Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16-23      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!  
<sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

## **Second Reading**

### **Mark 1:29-39      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## **ANTHEM** ***"Love's Way"***

- Martin

Be gentle in spirit, be kind and be true.  
Let grace be reflected in all that you do.  
With tender compassion, embrace each new day.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

Be patient with others, reach out when they fall  
Be humble in triumph, be gracious to all.  
In all of your living, let hope be displayed.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

Love your neighbor, love yourself.  
Love God with all your heart, all your mind.  
Love is gracious, love is faithful, love rejoices in life.  
Love, love is life, love is life, love is life!

Spread hope and forgiveness, let peace be your guide.  
Be filled with thanksgiving, be emptied of pride.  
Wherever life leads you, walk humbly in faith.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

### **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.