

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

10:00 AM

+++++

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Lord Jesus, on this day when you revealed your glory to your disciples;

Many: Reveal your glory to us.

One: As we gaze on the splendor of your love;

Many: Help us to love you and our neighbours around us.

One: Emmanuel, Everlasting God, Prince of Peace

**All: We worship you today, with all our hearts and our minds.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, the one who at the beginning said “let there be light” and there was light: shine the light of your grace, love and mercy on us, as we gather for worship today. Show us who you are and how we can become more like you. God of all nations, creeds, and peoples, in you all the nations of the world find an equal place of love and security. In your son Jesus Christ, we all receive redemption from our sins and the promise of eternal life. His life also provides us with the perfect example of how we should love

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

and care for each other, regardless of our backgrounds, race, or ethnicity. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and he invites us to lay aside the instruments of war and to live in peace with each other. On this Transfiguration Sunday, help us to see you in all your glory, the Word made flesh and may this glory, through the Holy Spirit, transform our lives. In a world filled with hate, and injustice, inspire us to build the tabernacles of justice, peace and love, until the earth is full of your glory, as the waters cover the seas. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of patience and purpose, we confess we don’t expect you to surprise us. We think we know what you expect of us and so we’re reluctant to consider a new challenge or a new opportunity to serve you. Forgive us when we are set in our ways. Work in us by your Spirit to keep us open to new encounters with you in the world as it changes so you will always find us faithful. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 665 (Red Hymnal) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our minds that we may perceive the wonders of your word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9: 2-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Always Time to Respond* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION
(Response to *God, in your mercy; Hear our prayer.*)

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

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN: 185 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Loves Me*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

We welcome Jojo Gencorelli as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

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

Nora Shimmel

Family of Rev. Stark Jones

Eddie Balsamo

The Catalanello Family

Sheemeza Ali

Emmie Shoch

John Nistico

Regina Maria

Paula Liscio

Elizabeth Bienz

Jay Sikserz

Emma Steck

Dawn and John de Sesa

Joyce Zanchelli

Sam Rizzo

Graziella Girardi

Paul Whelan and Family

Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo

Jeff Lovering

Rhonda Liss

The Stallone Family

Ray Peres

Family of Amaliga Knavs

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

First Reading

2 Kings 2: 1-12

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading

Mark 9: 2-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.