

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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: We are beginning our journey through Lent.

Many: God is with us on the way.

One: We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.

Many: We will remember God's faithfulness.

One: We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.

All: We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, Creator of earth and sky, Maker of rainbows and raindrops, we praise you for the beauty of the world us, and for the hope of life with you now and always. We praise you for your faithfulness and loving kindness throughout all generations, for your promise of grace, for your compassion and redemption revealed to us in Christ Jesus. Receive our prayers and praises this day and teach us how to live by your love. Amen.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Wise and merciful God, you made a covenant with us in faithfulness, but we confess we are not always so faithful to you. We grow tired and restless when things don't go our way. We lose patience with others. We lack compassion for our neighbors in need, and forget to express love for those closest to us. Forgive us. Make us prisms of your love, with the light of Christ light shining through us.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 77 (Blue Hymnal) *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of wisdom, send your Spirit to prepare our hearts and minds to hear your Word. Teach us to see you more clearly and love you more deeply as we follow Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 9:8-17

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MESSAGE *Lent is Here*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 314 (Red Hymnal) *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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

God of courage and compassion, we bring our gifts to you in Jesus’ name. This year the world badly needs both his courage and compassion. Bless our gifts so that they bring hope to others in these challenging times. Amen.

* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

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

Refreshments Host for today is Cathy Shimmel.

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. 21	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
Family of 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
Blake and Megan Stevason	

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

First Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Second Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”