

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: How shall we come before our God?

**Many: We come celebrating God's goodness and grace.**

One: As we worship, what does the Lord require of us?

**Many: God calls us to do justice and to love kindness.**

One: As we serve, what does the Lord require of us?

**Many: God calls us to walk and worship in humility.**

One: Let us worship, love and serve each other. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises made to the generations before us, thank you for your grace. May everyone tell of your goodness and your grace. Generous God, we praise you for gracious presence with us throughout the years and for sending Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities. Your glorious Spirit fills this world and renews our hearts and vision so that we can see your image in every person irrespective of background, race, and ethnicity. Your love moves beyond dividers and borders and works in us to end**

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

**misunderstanding, racism, and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing. We praise you for reconciling your world and making us one in Christ. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Forgiving God, we do not readily open our hearts to others who are different from us. We want to follow the example set by Jesus to love everyone, but we are scared of the unknown and scared that we might lose ourselves. We fail so often to share your unconditional love with others. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us of Jesus' sacrificial love for us and all humanity. Strengthen us where we are weak, that we may faithfully respond to your call to love one another as you have loved us. Make us channels of your peace and people, who will build your kingdom of love and justice. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *The Light, The Love*

Altman

\* HYMN: 682 (Red Hymnal) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Gracious God, your Word instructs us how we should live and how we should grow in relationship with all you have created. Open our hearts to receive your Word of truth and may your truth lead to our liberation. May your Word help us to strive for justice, peace and equality for all people and set us on fire with love for you. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:31-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Relationship with God* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 562 (Red Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

**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, you have blessed our lives with many diverse gifts and peoples. We pause with grateful hearts to offer you gifts of money that you have provided for us. We also give to you our hands, our feet, our voices, our time, and our abilities. Use all that we are, along with these gifts, to spread your love throughout the world. We dedicate ourselves and all that we are to your work. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 648 (Red Hymnal) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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 Helen Lockman.

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. 28 7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

Wed, Mar. 6 7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

Wed, Mar. 13 7 PM Bible Study Via Zoom

**March Birthdays**

3/4 Nora Shimmel

3/13 Carrie Gilmore

**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  
Blake and Megan Stevason

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**

### **Romans 4:13-25**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **Second Reading**

### **Mark 8:31-38**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my

sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## **ANTHEM**

### **"The Light, The Love"**

- Altman

The Light of the Lord surrounds us, ev'ry one;  
The Glory of His presence shines brighter than the sun!  
He may shine within us and keep us from sin;  
If we but ask His blessing, and let Him dwell within!  
His mercy and compassion are with us on our way!  
His love is like a flame, eternal and pure;  
It may bring us blessed joy, and make salvation sure!  
Wherever we may wander, how ever dark the night,  
Our precious Lord is near us, to guide our steps aright!  
For He is watching o'er us, where'er we may be,  
That we may know His Light and Love, unto eternity!

## **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.