

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.

Many: We will thank God for such all-embracing love.

One: Let us praise God for all God's wonderful works.

All: We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, great and wonderful are your works! Your steadfast love is everlasting. Where there is darkness, you bring light. Where there is sadness, you speak words of hope. Where there is despair, you bring new possibilities. In this time of worship, stir us with your Spirit, O God. Awaken our joy and reverence in our songs and our silence, in our prayers and praises,

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

for you are our God, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted. We are careless in our relationships, focused on our own needs and desires. The news distracts us, and we put opinion above your expectations of us. Forgive us. Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within them, so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Lenten Meditation*

Kern

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of light and truth, speak to us through the Scriptures this day. By the Spirit working in us and among us, lead us to encounter your Living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:14-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Jesus Came to Love*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 12 (Blue Hymnal) *People, Look East*

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

Lord Jesus, you gave so much without counting the cost. Bless these gifts with your generous love. Use them to bless the world with the same hope and healing we have found in you. And let us not count the cost until we too have given all we can for your sake. Amen.

* HYMN: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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 Mary Matos.

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, Mar. 13	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, Mar. 20	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, Mar. 27	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Sun, Mar 31	10 AM	Easter Sunday Service

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

Ephesians 2:1-10

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Second Reading

John 3:14-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

ANTHEM

“Lenten Meditation”

- Kern

Surely all our griefs He bore, all our sorrows evermore,
Yet His voice we have not heard nor listened to His call.
All we like sheep have gone astray, each has turned to his own way
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of all.

Now Barabbas was a robber and in our hearts we set him free.
The Lord, the Lamb, the great I Am we send to Calvary.
For our sins have made Him drink the cup of pain and misery;
And so, the Son, the Holy One shall die upon a tree.

But He was wounded for our sins and now He is our shield.
Through His pain we live in peace and by His wounds we are healed.

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.