

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 80 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Come, all who desire to know God.

**Many: We come, for we want to see Jesus.**

One: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**Many: We come, for God is in our midst this day.**

One: So let us praise God's holy name.

**All: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul,  
and declare God's goodness to us.**

\* HYMN: 638 (Red Hymnal) *I Need Thee Every Hour*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit, with the promise of  
spring and new life awakening, you wake us from our slumbers.  
You are faithful to us through every season of the year  
and every season of life. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious and Loving God, as we draw closer to the Cross, we  
recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us. We get lost in our  
own concerns and neglect to show love, even to those right beside  
us. We find some people too difficult to care for. We think others  
unworthy of your love and ours. Forgive us and renew a right  
spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the  
compassion to reach out in your name.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *An Irish Blessing (May The Road Rise To Meet You)*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to  
receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your  
truth for our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living  
Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *For a Time Such As This* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 621 (Red Hymnal) *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

**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 growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 598 (Red Hymnal) *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

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 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, Mar. 20	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, Mar. 27	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Sun, Mar. 24	10 AM	Palm Sunday Service
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	Kim Grosso
Blake and Megan Stevason	

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

## **First Reading**

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 12:20-33**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## **ANTHEM**

### **“An Irish Blessing (May The Road Rise To Meet You)”**

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

### **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.