

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

**Many: We have come to follow him.**

One: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

**Many: We have come to be restored in him.**

One: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

**All: We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Loving God, our shepherd, guide and giver of life. You nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures. You restore our souls with rest and peace. You give us joy so our lives overflow with goodness and grace. You walk with us through the darkest valleys, offering us courage and compassion. At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, so we praise you, Holy One, here and now, now and always. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

("\*" 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: God of mercy, you lead us into green pastures, but our lifestyles put those pastures at risk. You offer us rest, but we like to pursue our goals, whatever the cost to the earth or our health. You call us to show compassion, but we are quick to judge others. Forgive us, and humble us to live with respect in creation.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: God of Word and Wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit as we listen to the witness of your people in the Scriptures. May we claim the story of your redeeming love again, and praise you with our lives through Christ, our Lord and Guide. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Easter Continues* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 426 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our 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**

**Giving God, you are our Shepherd, strong and wise. Bless the gifts we offer and multiply their impact in the world. Use them to spread your love and protect all that is vulnerable in your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal)      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**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 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.

**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	Regina Druz
Marco Martufi	

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

## **First Reading**

### **Psalm 23**

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 10:11-18**

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

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”