

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: (Insert) *Let Us Build a House*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Like spring breaking through winter's power,  
**Many: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.**  
One: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,  
**Many: God's Word upholds the church in strength.**  
One: Let us worship God who makes all things new.  
**All: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, Creator of all things; you are our hope and the source of all wisdom. Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. Your love is our strength. Your energy is our joy. Holy Spirit, you nourish our faith so that we can bear fruit in many different ways. We gather to offer our worship and praise you as Holy God, Loving Son and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One.**

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

("\*" 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 Love, we fail to love and one another fully. Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you, for ignoring the needs of others, and not following your ways. Forgive us for seeking praise from others, yet failing to encourage them in their endeavors. Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Love's Way* Martin

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Holy Spirit, move in us and among us as we listen to the Scriptures read and interpreted. Open our minds and hearts to receive the Living Word so that we may be transformed to live as your Easter people. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:7-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

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

\* HYMN: 564 (Red Hymnal) *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## 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, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love. Bless the gifts we offer so they renew hope in the world you love, in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen**

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

## 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 today is Katie Zarghami.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

### April Birthdays

5/10    Gary B. de Sesa

## 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	Richard Steck

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

## **First Reading**

### **1 John 4:7-21**

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

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear

in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.  
<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## **Second Reading**

### **John 15:1-8**

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

## **ANTHEM** ***"Love's Way"***

**- Martin**

Be gentle in spirit, be kind and be true.  
Let grace be reflected in all that you do.  
With tender compassion, embrace each new day.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

Be patient with others, reach out when they fall  
Be humble in triumph, be gracious to all.  
In all of your living, let hope be displayed.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

Love your neighbor, love yourself.  
Love God with all your heart, all your mind.  
Love is gracious, love is faithful, love rejoices in life.  
Love, love is life, love is life, love is life!

Spread hope and forgiveness, let peace be your guide.  
Be filled with thanksgiving, be emptied of pride.  
Wherever life leads you, walk humbly in faith.  
Be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit, be gentle in spirit  
For that is Love's way. That is love's way.

### **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.