

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 5, 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: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

Many: For God has done marvelous things.

One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

Many: For God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

One: Let us sing joyful praises,

All: And join all creation to worship God's holy name.

ANTHEM: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Wilson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom knows no bounds. You meet us in the midst of life's joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved. And so we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other.

(“*” 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: Merciful God, we often find it difficult to love others as you command. We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 686 (Red Hymnal) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Lord, we long for your wisdom and truth. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to the Scriptures. Prepare our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:44-48

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Is It Still Easter?* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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 us and the gifts we bring, so that the renewal we have found in Christ can be shared throughout our community and in the world you love, in his holy name. 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 today is Maya Leibfreid.

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, May 8	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, May 22	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom

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
Natalie Naylor	Cathy Shimmel
Gary de Sesa	

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

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Second Reading

John 15:9-17

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

- Wilson

Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!
Extol the glory of the Lord, who formed the heavens and the earth.
The strength and beauty of His name are greatly to be praised!
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!

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.