

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: (Insert) *Here I Am to Worship*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

Many: We will shout to God with songs of joy.

One: For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

Many: We will sing praises to God every day.

One: Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

All: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

ANTHEM: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Wilson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise and purpose, we praise with thankful hearts. As the beauty of the seasons change the beauty of your world lifts our hearts in praise. You lifted up Jesus to be by your side, and so we know he is always by our side as the future opens before us. Show us the promise and purpose in our own lives – how we can unfurl with new life, and move into the future empowered by the Holy Spirit, embraced by the love of Christ our Lord.

(“*” 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: Lord Jesus Christ, you called your followers to carry the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith. We try to act out your love, but it’s hard to tell others why we do what we do for you. Forgive us. Give us the courage to speak openly of our commitment to you.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 244 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word, so that we may recognize your call to us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 17:6-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Where Is Jesus*

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

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

Eternal and ever-present God, bless the gifts we offer today with the power of your Holy Spirit. Use them and us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and bring healing and hope to the world in his name. Amen.

* HYMN: 107 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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 Helen Lockman.

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 15	7 PM	Bible Study Via Zoom
Wed, May 29	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 1:1-11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Second Reading

John 17:6-19

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.¹² While I was with them, I protected them

in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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.