

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

Many: **We will lift up our voices in praise.**

One: The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

Many: **We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.**

One: Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

All: **Let us praise God's holy name forever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and generous God, we gather with grateful hearts, amazed by the abundance in your creation, abundance to share in food, in friendship and in faithfulness. We gather with hopeful hearts, seeking another taste of your love for us. Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O God, with the power to transform times that overwhelm us and lives that hunger for hope. By the power of your Spirit, move among us in our worship. Open before us the new possibilities you create for us. Amen.

(* 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: Gracious and generous God, we gather each week to be fed by your love, trusting that you will embrace us. We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love. We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us. We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations. Forgive us, O God, and awaken our generosity toward others.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 665 (Red Hymnal) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a deeper understanding of your Word for our lives and our times, through Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *In the unrest around us, call out to us: Come near to us, and overcome our fear.*)

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 abundant love, we offer our gifts to you willingly, and yet they seem so small in a world of great need. Bless and multiply them in your love. Surprise us with your power, working in us and through us, to accomplish worthy things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

We welcome Elisabeth Pan as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host today is Natalie Naylor.

August Birthdays

8/3 Emma Steck
8/17 Andrew Soare
8/20 Natalie Naylor
8/23 Julia Soare

PLEASE NOTE – NO SERVICE AT RPC ON 8/25:

We will visit the **First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542** (Pastor Lana Hurst) on **Sunday, August 25 at 10 am** in place of our regular Sunday service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer	Emma Steck
Dawn and John de Sesa	Joyce Zanchelli
Family of 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	Nico Barley
Helen Lockman	Cynthia Randall

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

First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading

John 6:1-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come

into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.