

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal)      *Morning Has Broken*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for God is great.

**Many: We will bless God in this time of worship!**

One: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

**Many: God, renew us in this time of worship!**

One: Let us sing praise to God as long as we live.

**All: We will sing to our God while we have breath,  
and so we come to worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of majesty and mystery, you are the source of all that is. Your breadth and depth are beyond our imagining. Your grace defies our explanations. You touch us with comfort or challenge when we least expect it. Receive our prayer and praise this day, as we seek the Bread of Life in this hour of worship. We come to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, while your Holy Spirit prays within us and lifts our hearts to you. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

(\*”) invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read in unison.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear. You see how we take advantage of each other, and how we overlook one another. We confess we do not always see what you see, O God, so open our eyes to the truth of our lives, cleanse our hearts with your grace, and awaken our generosity toward others.**  
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 56 (Red Hymnal)      *To God Be The Glory*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Source of all wisdom, in the midst of all our distractions, focus our attention on you. In the midst of competing voices, attune our ears to your Word, for we seek bread for our journey through Jesus Christ, the Bread of life. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:10-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE      *Lost Things, Then and Now*      Rev. Dr. James Barnum

\* HYMN: 444 (Red Hymnal)      *I Love to Tell the Story*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *God of grace and goodness: Renew our trust in you.*)

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**

**Good and generous God, bless the gifts we offer you this day, as well as our efforts to serve others in Jesus' name. Use what we have and what we do to support the work of the Church here and around the world. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 562 (Red Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

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 to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. James Barnum, filling in for Pastor Marjory today.

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

Refreshments Host today is Katie Zarghami.

**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  
Dawn and John de Sesa  
Family of Eddie Balsamo  
The Catalanello Family  
Sheemeza Ali  
Emmie Shoch  
John Nistico  
Regina Maria  
Paula Liscio  
Elizabeth Bienz  
Jay Sikserz  
Blake and Megan Stevason  
Marco Martufi  
Helen Lockman

Emma Steck  
Joyce Zanchelli  
Sam Rizzo  
Graziella Girardi  
Paul Whelan and Family  
Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo  
Jeff Lovering  
Rhonda Liss  
The Stallone Family  
Ray Peres  
Kim Grosso  
Regina Druz  
Nico Barley  
Cynthia Randall

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

## First Reading

### Matthew 18:10-14

### New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup>“Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. <sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

## Second Reading

### Luke 15

### New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that

region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”