

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 90 (Red Hymnal) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Praise God! Give thanks to God from your heart!

Many: **Great are the works of our God and we delight in them.**

One: Yes, the works of God's hands are faithful and just;

Many: **Holy and awesome is God's name.**

One: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

All: **So we honor God's name, so that God's praise may endure forever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, when our souls hunger for fulfillment, you give us the Bread of Life. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, when our souls thirst for communion with you, you refresh us with living water. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, when we long for what is authentic, you show us the Way, the Truth and the Life. And so we come to worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Receive our praise and gratitude, Living God, for you are the source of all that matters, and the strength to live out your purposes, now and evermore. 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: God of all that matters, forgive us when we forget what matters to you. Forgive the sins we have tried to hide, and those we were once proud to commit. Forgive the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. By your grace, forgive us, and bless what we can become through your faithfulness to us.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 263 (Blue Hymnal) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of all wisdom, quiet all that distracts us and prepare us to listen for your Word speaking through the Scriptures. May we learn how best to follow you, in the example of Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:51-58

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 *God, in your mercy: Hear our prayers.*)

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

Loving God, we offer you our gifts with thanksgiving, grateful for all we have received in Christ and in creation. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that we may live to bring you glory, and share your love with the world. Amen.

* HYMN: 435 (Red Hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 Eunice Pan as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Hosts today are Mary and Michael Matos.

PLEASE NOTE – NO SERVICE AT RPC NEXT SUNDAY:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Aug. 25

Tues, Aug. 27

10 AM No RPC Service, visit Glen Cove

10 AM Session Meeting

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
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

Ephesians 5:15-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not
be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another,
singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks
to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Reading

John 6:51-58 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of
this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of
the world is my flesh.” ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves,
saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to
them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of
Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on
the last day, ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in
them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the
Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread
that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and
they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”