

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 807 (Red Hymnal) *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Holy God, you call us to worship.

Many: In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

Many: In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.

One: Holy God, you call us to worship you, heart, body, mind and soul.

All: So we gather to offer you our prayers and praise with joyful thanks.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, in your creation, you have made the seasons to change, the sun to shine and the rain to fall, the vines to bear fruit and the fields to produce good things. You alone are our strength and security; you alone bring us rest and comfort. We turn to you as the source of all life, marvelling at your wisdom, seeking to learn your purpose for our lives. We offer you our praise and thanksgiving, for you are the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who brings us life. 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: Faithful God, even though we know you are the Source of our lives, we confess we often turn our backs on you. We hear your Word but follow our own ways. We see others in need but prefer to meet our own needs first. We harbor anger and say things that cause others pain. In your mercy, forgive us, and restore us to right relationship with you and with one another.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of Word and Wisdom, send your Spirit upon us today as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. Help us be doers of your Word, not mere listeners, so that our lives reflect the truth we meet in Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:17-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-9, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

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

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
(Response to *Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*)

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

Great is your faithfulness, O God, and so we offer to you a portion of what we have received through your unfailing goodness. Bless these gifts and our lives, so that your love is proclaimed to the world through all we accomplish in the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen.

* HYMN: 429 (Red Hymnal) *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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 Host today is Maya Leibfreid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, Sept. 8

11 AM Welcome Back Luncheon

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

James 1:17-27

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Second Reading

Mark 7:1-9, 14-15, 21-23 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do

they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸ "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."