

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Put your confidence in God.

Many: We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.

One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

Many: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: So put your trust in God's goodness.

All: May God's goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you are our beginning and our end. You gave breath to all living things. By your Spirit, you come among us this day, breathing new life into our familiar patterns, as the gift you offer us through Christ Jesus. By your grace, you open new possibilities for the world you love. So we offer you our lives in worship and in service, joining our voices with all your creatures, to offer you honor and blessing, glory and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, you keep an eye out for those who dwell on the margins of life. We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those on the margins. We have been silent when we should have spoken up in the face of injustice. Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first. Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Household of Faith* Lamb/Rosasco

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. May we hear what you are saying to the Church today, and find the courage to follow your will. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 2:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:24-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 386 (Blue Hymnal) *O for a World*

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**

Generous God, you call us to reach out to those in need in kindness rather than judgment; and with generosity, not just good intentions. Bless our gifts and our actions for Christ’s sake, so that our faith in his love will show in the work of the Church that bears his name. Amen.

* HYMN: 428 (Red Hymnal) *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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 for Welcome Back Luncheon is Katie Zarghami.

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Important Dates

Sun, Sept. 8	11 AM Welcome Back Luncheon
Fri, Sept. 13	10 AM Session Meeting North Rm

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

James 2:1-17 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become

accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Second Reading

Mark 7:24-37

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

ANTHEM **“Household of Faith”**

- Lamb/Rosasco

Here we are at the start committing to each other
By His word and from our hearts
We will be a family in a house that will be a home
And with faith we’ll build it strong

We’ll build a household of faith
That together we can make
And when the strong winds blow it won’t fall down
As one in Him we’ll grow and the whole world will know
We are a household of faith

As one in Him we’ll grow and the whole world will know
We are a household of faith

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.