

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

Many: We will worship the One who hears us.

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

Many: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.

One: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

All: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, you are the artist of the changing skies and architect of the steadfast earth. Loving Christ, you were born to walk life's journey with us and show us God's purposes. Spirit of life, you are always moving in us and among us, offering us wisdom for every choice. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we honor you in our prayers and our praise. In this time of worship, show us how we can serve you, for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. Amen.

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE
(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of time and eternity, we confess that we have long memories, especially for moments we resent or regret. Each week we seek your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully. Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Alleluia*

Fishel

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of Wisdom, the Psalmist tells us your law is perfect, making the simple wise. Send your Holy Spirit to focus our attention on your Word, so we may grow wiser as we learn to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 314 (Red Hymnal)

What Wondrous Love Is This

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Artist of our lives: Awaken our gifts to serve 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

Generous God, you poured out your love for us through Jesus Christ, who gave up everything on the cross. We bring what we have to offer you in love and loyalty. Receive our gratitude and bless all that our gifts can do to share your love for Christ’s sake. Amen.

* HYMN: 151 (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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 is Natalie Naylor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Tues, Sept. 17 3 PM Session Meeting

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
Mike Honovich	Chris Foti

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

First Reading

James 3:1-12

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body,

sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Second Reading

Mark 8:27-38

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

ANTHEM

“Alleluia”

- Fishel

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.

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.