

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal)      *God Is Here!*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: From sunrise to sunset,

**Many: Let us praise God's holy name.**

One: With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,

**Many: Let us praise God's holy name.**

One: In our work, in our homes, and in all we do,

**Many: Let us praise God's holy name.**

One: Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!

**All: We will worship God now and always.**

ANTHEM: *I Sing Praises*

MacAlmon

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with beauty and purpose. Each creature declares your praise – the mountain states your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity. Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence. We pray that all our work will honor your justice and mercy. May all our relationships speak of your**

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

**compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship but in all the hours you grant us, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Friend. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of all creation, you opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities. Our ears can be deaf to cries of need. Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness, and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN: 435 (Red Hymnal)

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Shine the light of your Word on the path ahead, O God. Help us choose the way of your wisdom, so we may bear fruit that is pleasing to you and shines your light into the world around us. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

\* HYMN: 354 (Blue Hymnal)

*Guide My Feet*

**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

**Wise and faithful God, we offer our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts and the good works they will support, so that the world may know your wisdom and faithfulness through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 367 (Blue Hymnal) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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 Cathy Shimmel.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Family of 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  
Mike Honovich

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  
Chris Foti

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

## **First Reading**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>4</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## **Second Reading**

**Mark 9:30-37      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

## **ANTHEM** **“I Sing Praises”**

- MacAlmon

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,  
Praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

## **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.