

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 267 (Blue Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: We are called together

Many: To worship God as the people of God.

One: God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds and our hearts, and calls us:

Many: To worship God as the people of God.

One: We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

Many: To worship God as the people of God.

One: God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people and together:

All: To worship God as the people of God.

ANTHEM: *Here I Am To Worship* Hughes

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and loving God, blessed are you in all the universe: your goodness is seen in creation, your holiness is incomprehensible,

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

your truth and wisdom are radiant, your justice rolls down like waters, your love is wider than all the universe and your mercy greater than the heights of heaven. And so, with our lips we sing your praises and we join with your good creation in joyful praise of you as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not sought peace or worked for justice. And we confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We confess that in our cultural arrogance where there was laughter, we stifled it; where families lived warmly together, we broke them up, and where there was dignity, and we stole it. We repent of our past sins and pray for the strength to walk a new good way with you and one another.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
All: Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to the church today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:13-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:38-50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 426 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Blessed are you, O God: For all your goodness to us.*)

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

All that we have comes from you, O God. Use our lives and the gifts we offer to build a more peaceful and just world that reflects the principles of your reign and the Good News of peace, healing and reconciliation Christ taught.

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

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.

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Barbara Wackenhut Foundation.

October Birthdays

10/5 Warren Soare

10/9 Mary Ann Soare

10/14 Thomas Soare

10/18 Maya Leibfreid

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 5:13-20

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who

has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Second Reading

Mark 9:38-50

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us."

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

ANTHEM

"Here I Am To Worship"

- Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes and let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross
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So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

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.