

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God is here.

**Many: We meet God in this place.**

One: God is here.

**Many: We worship God in this place.**

One: God's presence overwhelms us.

**Many: We experience the Holy in this place.**

One: God is everywhere.

**Many: God goes with us when we leave.**

One: God is here.

**All: Let us worship.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Jesus asked his disciples to follow him. Today, God calls us to follow. The voice of God seeks us out and calls us to follow. We worship today in celebration of our response to God's voice to follow. Let us worship the God we follow. 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: Holy God, we lift up to you the many times this week in which we didn't follow. Those moments in which you lit a path that we did not take, instead following our will or someone else's claims. We work hard each day to do good; yet we live in a world full of temptations. Help us when we fail to follow and work within us each day as we strive to make good choices.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Divine, descend into our hearts and minds so that we may see and hear your Words clearly. Work in us and through us for your glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *The Greatest Thing in the World* Rev. Mark Applewhite

\* HYMN: 597 (Red Hymnal) *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (see back page)

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S 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

**We lift up to you, Holy God, these gifts given with joyful hearts. We ask that you work within the gifts offered here today to double your glory in this world. Allow the session and church leaders to make wise choices as to how to use these gifts to do your work within our church and community. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 335 (Blue Hymnal) *Though I May Speak*

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

## **THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Mark Applewhite.

We welcome Grace Huang as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

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

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The Zanchelli Family  
Emma Steck  
Dawn and John de Sesa  
Graziella Girardi  
Jeff Lovering  
John Nistico  
Jay Sikserz  
Marco Martufi  
Mike Honovich  
Gerry Catalanello  
Sylvia McAdams  
Dennis Prager  
Wang Jin Pen  
Aldin Monroe

Family of Emily Dyer  
Cynthia Randall  
Sam Rizzo  
Emmie Shoch  
Judy Mastrangelo & Family  
Regina Maria  
Ray Peres  
Blake and Megan Stevason  
Nico Barley  
Chris Foti  
Jenn Gallagher  
Richie Miranda  
Paula Liscio  
Stefania Cecchini

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

### **First Reading**

#### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

#### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>4</sup>The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

## Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13      **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy .... With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.

**Praise be to God!**

We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.

**Praise be to God!**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love by your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.**

HYMN: 460 (Red Hymnal) *Let Us Break Bread Together*