

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: Let us rejoice in this day

**Many: For this is the day the Lord has made**

One: We come to worship

**Many: To celebrate**

One: Let us rejoice

**All: Let us worship with praise and prayer**

ANTHEM: *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

Hayes

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: The Holy Provides

**Many: Our bread baskets are full**

One: The Holy Provides

**Many: Our daily needs are met**

One: The Holy Provides

**Many: We are thankful**

One: The Holy Provides

**All: We welcome the manna!**

("\*" 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 Divine, we lift up the many times in which enough wasn't enough; in which we desired more or sought more. When we forgot to notice the fullness around us; in which we complained for what we had. We are reminded that all we need, we find in you.**

**Forgive us when we fail to live into that and lift us when we do.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN: 389 (Red Hymnal) *Spirit of the Living God*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and minds so that we may come to understand your will for this reading. Work within us and through us so that your wisdom comes to light. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 7:37-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 147:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *The Life-Giving Christ* Rev. Dennis Henderson

\* HYMN: 514 (Blue Hymnal) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 369 (Blue Hymnal) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

## 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

**Loving God, we lift up from our abundance the gifts that bless our lives. Help us to use our gifts of time, talent and money to show your glory to the world and this community. Amen.**

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

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*

### 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

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Dennis Henderson.

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.

### **March Birthdays**

3/4 Nora Shimmel  
3/13 Carrie Gilmore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Important Dates**

Sun, Feb. 23	11:30 AM	Search Committee Mtg after Coffee Hour
Wed, Feb. 26	10:00 AM	Session Meeting

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The Zanchelli Family	Family of Emily Dyer
Emma Steck	Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Jeff Lovering	Judy Mastrangelo & Family
John Nistico	Regina Maria
Jay Sikserz	Ray Peres
Marco Martufi	Blake and Megan Stevason
Mike Honovich	Nico Barley
Gerry Catalanello	Chris Foti
Sylvia McAdams	Jenn Gallagher
Dennis Prager	Richie Miranda
Wang Jin Pen	Paula Liscio
Aldin Monroe	Stefania Cecchini

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

### **First Reading**

#### **John 7:37-52**

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

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,  
<sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.  
<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet."  
<sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?"  
<sup>42</sup> Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" <sup>43</sup> So

there was a division in the crowd because of him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. <sup>45</sup> Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” <sup>46</sup> The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?” <sup>48</sup> Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, <sup>51</sup> “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” <sup>52</sup> They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.”

## **Second Reading**

### **Psalm 147:1-11**

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

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. <sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. <sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup> He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; <sup>11</sup> but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

## **ANTHEM**

### **“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”**

- Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!  
This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that the Lord has made  
And I will sing my Maker’s praise!  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and give God praise!

Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty?  
Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?  
You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.  
You are my heart’s Desire:  
My soul implores me to exalt your holy name.  
Your name is music unto my ears;  
And I must sing of the great love you’ve shown to me  
Because my heart will not be still.

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!  
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This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
I will be glad!

### **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.