

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: We live in the shelter of the Most High

Many: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty

One: Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength

Many: For God is the One in whom we trust

One: The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us

Many: Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid

One: So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

**All: We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength,
now and always.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our living and our loving, we rejoice in your grace and mercy which has called creation into being, and makes all life complete. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals your loving purposes for all people; in his face we glimpse your love; in his life we see the pattern for our lives. We bless you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and strengthens us, drawing us into the embrace of

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

your tender love. And so we praise you, O God, our eternal, creating Father who loves us with motherly care, united with Christ, our Savior, and your Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life, Three in One, now and always. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: *God Is Here*

Stevens

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: As your Word is read, heard, and preached, O God, send your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding and nurture our faith with the Good News we meet in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Temptation*

Rev. Mark Applewhite

* HYMN: 302 (Blue Hymnal)

I Danced in the Morning

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

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, we thank you for all the goodness we receive in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer to share in the work of the kingdom Jesus declared, and bless our lives so that we may be witnesses to his love and mercy. Amen.

* HYMN: 147 (Red Hymnal) *How Great thou Art*

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. Mark Applewhite.

Assisting in today's service is Robert Gilmore.

Refreshments Host for today is Cathy Shimmel.

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	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
Ray Peres	Marco Martufi
Blake and Megan Stevason	Mike Honovich
Nico Barley	Gerry Catalanello
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

Romans 10:8b-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

^{8b}“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Second Reading

Luke 4:1-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

ANTHEM

“God Is Here”

- Stevens

In the darkest night, in the morning light,
God is here, God is here.
In the rolling seas, in the galaxies,
He is here, God is here.

He is ev'rywhere, all the time.
He hears each prayer to heaven climb.
In the darkest night, in the morning light,
God is here, God is here.

When we go astray, when we lose our way,
God is here, God is here.
When we seek the Lord and obey His word,
He is here, god is here.

He is ev'rywhere, all the time.
He hears each prayer to heaven climb.
In the darkest night, in the morning light,
God is here, God is here.
God is here

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.