

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

QUIET MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing. In you and with you we can do all things. Amen.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Sing to our God a new song.

**Many: God has done marvelous things!**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Many: Break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.**

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy! Amen.**

ANTHEM: *Sing to the Lord a New Song* Wilson

PRAYER OF THE DAY From John O'Donohue's book  
*To Bless the Space Between Us*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN: 56 (Red Hymnal) *To God Be The Glory*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Source of all wisdom, in the midst of all our distractions, focus our attention on you. In the midst of competing voices, attune our ears to your Word, for we seek bread for our journey through Jesus Christ, the Bread of life. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 3:14-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Take a Second Look... and be Blessed in What You Can Discover* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

\* HYMN: 314 (Red Hymnal) *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 272 (Blue Hymnal) *God of the Sparrow*

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

**Good and generous God, bless the gifts we offer you this day, as well as our efforts to serve others in Jesus' name. Use what we have and what we do to support the work of the Church here and around the world. Amen.**

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

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. Dr. James Barnum.

Refreshments Host for today is Robert Gilmore.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Important Dates**

Sun, Mar. 23	11:30 AM	Search Committee Mtg
Fri, Mar. 21	10:00 AM	Cemetery Committee Mtg
Wed, Mar. 26	10:00 AM	Session Meeting

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The Zanchelli Family	Family of Emily Dyer
Family of 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	Richie Miranda
Paula Liscio	Aldin Monroe
Stefania Cecchini	Alex Palumbo

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

## **First Reading**

### **Revelation 3:14-22      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation: <sup>15</sup>“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>Therefore I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white robes to clothe yourself and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

## **Second Reading**

### **Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup>After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup>I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel: <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **ANTHEM**

### **“Sing to the Lord a New Song”**

- Wilson

Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!  
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!  
Extol the glory of the Lord, who formed the heavens and the earth.  
The strength and beauty of His name are greatly to be praised!  
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!  
Sing to the Lord a New Song and Bless His holy name!

## **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.