

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN: 469 (Blue Hymnal)      *Morning Has Broken*

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP      (Responsive)

One: Come, let us worship

**Many: For the Divine is with us**

One: Come, let us celebrate

**Many: For Jesus walked among us**

One: Come, let us connect

**Many: For God desires a relationship with us**

One: Come, let us sit

**Many: In the presence of the Divine**

One: Come, let us worship

**All: Yes, let us worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Great God, this Holy Lent we are working on reconciling ourselves to the Holy being you call us to be. We witness Jesus' life, trial and death. We know that Jesus will rise and bring the Kingdom of God to all. This is the glory of the Good News. We trust in miracles and we see the glory of you in the world. 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 long for the Kingdom of Heaven and Christ's rule, yet we fail to see the Kingdom around us. We plead for miracles and mysteries, and yet we deny their existence. We hope for a better community and world, but we don't see the good that is already working. We try to show your love, but we fail to truly offer your unconditional love.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

ANTHEM:      *Lenten Meditation*

Kern

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Holy Spirit, descend into our hearts and minds today. Open us to the wisdom of your Kingdom. Give us courage to trust your Word and strength to follow in your glory. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:      Revelation 1:1-11

Leader:      This is the Word of the Lord

**People:      Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 2:1-7

Leader:      This is the Word of the Lord

**People:      Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE      *Revelations of the Spirit Toward What We Love*

Rev. Dr. James Barnum

\* HYMN: 536 (Red Hymnal) *Have Faith in God*

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: 563 (Red Hymnal) *Open My Eyes That I May See*

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

**Holy, we lift up to you these gifts, given with free and happy hearts. Help us to build your Kingdom. Use the gifts given as well as the gifts of the Spirit for your glory. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 11 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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 Maya Leibfreid.

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

**April Birthdays**

4/25 Bridget Johnson

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The Zanchelli Family  
Family of Emma Steck  
Dawn and John de Sesa  
Graziella Girardi  
Jeff Lovering  
John Nistico  
Ray Peres  
Blake and Megan Stevason  
Nico Barley  
Sylvia McAdams  
Paula Liscio  
Stefania Cecchini

Family of Emily Dyer  
Cynthia Randall  
Sam Rizzo  
Emmie Shoch  
Judy Mastrangelo & Family  
Regina Maria  
Marco Martufi  
Mike Honovich  
Gerry Catalanello  
Richie Miranda  
Aldin Monroe  
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 1:1-11**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,<sup>2</sup> who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.<sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and

the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

## **Second Reading**

### **Revelation 2:1-7**

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

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup> "I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

## **ANTHEM**

### **"Lenten Meditation"**

- Kern

Surely all our griefs He bore, all our sorrows evermore,  
Yet His voice we have not heard nor listened to His call.  
All we like sheep have gone astray, each has turned to his own way  
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of all.

Now Barabbas was a robber and in our hearts we set him free.  
The Lord, the Lamb, the great I Am we send to Calvary.  
For our sins have made Him drink the cup of pain and misery;  
And so, the Son, the Holy One shall die upon a tree.

But He was wounded for our sins and now He is our shield.  
Through His pain we live in peace and by His wounds we are healed.

### **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.