

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

APRIL 27, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 43 (Red Hymnal) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

Many: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

ANTHEM: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Larson
*Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his
praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Gratefully our hearts
adore him as his light once more appears; Bowing down in joy before
him, rising up from grief and tears. Christ is risen! All the sadness of
our Lenten fast is o'er; Through the open gates of gladness he returns*

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

*to life once more! Christ triumphed and we conquer by his mighty
enterprise; We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise! Christ
is risen Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with
joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head, lift up your
head! Child of God, lift up your head! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ
is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we rejoice in this new day
you have made. We praise you for the abundant life with which
you bless us and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring
takes hold again. We praise you for your Son Jesus and the power
of new life promised in his resurrection. We praise you for your
Spirit at work in human history, to restore and redeem our hope
with that power of new life. God of steadfast love, we worship you
with the Spirit and the Son and claim your gift of new life, even in
the face of any doubt or danger within the world you love. All
praise, honor and glory be yours, O God, now and evermore.
Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead you
showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to
our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us
everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes
uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of
resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at
our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness
and your steadfast love for us.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now, so that as your Word is read and preached, we might hear, understand and believe. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:27-32 (NRSV)

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *What You Believe Matters* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* HYMN: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN: 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

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, along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love, our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we undertake as part of the Presbyterian Church. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

* HYMN: 107 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *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.

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Robert Gilmore

Director, Ministry of Music
Clerk of Session
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.

May Birthdays

5/10 Gary B. de Sesa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, May 7	1:00 PM	Cemetery Meeting (at Cemetery)
Wed, May 14	10:00 AM	Session Meeting
Sun, May 18	11:15 AM	Luncheon after worship

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mary Matos
Cynthia Randall
Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch
Regina Maria
Nico Barley
Sylvia McAdams
Stefania Cecchini

The Zanchelli Family
Dawn and John de Sesa
Graziella Girardi
Judy Mastrangelo & Family
Ray Peres
Gerry Catalanello
Richie Miranda
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.