

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

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 4, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 403 (Red Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

Many: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

ANTHEM: *Sing of the Glory
Sing of the glory of the Lord forever,
Praise, all the earth. Sing of His worth.
Sing of the splendor of His majesty.
Praise Him for He is truth and light.
Proclaim the glory of the everlasting Lord.
Behold the wonder of His might.*

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*Sing of the glory of the Lord forever.
Sing, all the earth. Sing of His worth.
Sing of the glory of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come before you this day giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Receive our heartfelt worship, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, 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: God of each and every life, week by week we lay our lives before you, acknowledging ways in which we fall short of your hope for us. Today we confess we sometimes find it hard to forgive ourselves. Things done long ago still haunt us. We hear your forgiveness proclaimed, yet your promise of a fresh start can ring hollow. Forgive us if we think we are the one sinner who cannot be forgiven. Forgive us when we cannot find the peace you offer.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: O God of sight and insight, send your Holy Spirit to remove the scales from our eyes so that we might see your truth and grasp your wisdom. Grant us fresh understanding of your Word and your will for our lives. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV) NT p. 127

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-19 (NRSV) NT p. 115

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Apostolic Disciples Love* Rev. Mark Applewhite

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.

Praise be to God!

We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.

Praise be to God!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love by your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

HYMN: 460 (Red Hymnal) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

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

Gracious God, You have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you have given yourself to us. So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kingdom. Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

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

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	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.

Refreshments Host for today is Katie Zarghami.

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

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

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

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

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