

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 667 (Red Hymnal) *Lord, Speak to Me*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Along with all those in heaven, let us cry out together:

Many: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

One: Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

Many: For this reason we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.

One: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

All: We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life. Let us worship God!

ANTHEM: *Sing To The Lord A Joyful Song* Hopson
Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Lift up your hearts. Sing alleluia, alleluia. Shout His praises, people everywhere. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise Him for life, for rest and food. Praise Him for eyes and ears to sense His world. Praise Him for love and all that's true. For all these things we praise Him.

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

Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Lift up your hearts, Sing alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the ages, God of today, You are compassion; our cup overflows. You are hope; you lead us into green pastures. You are truth; you lead us beside quiet streams. You are life; you restore our souls. Morning, noon and night, O God, you are the source of our joy. We gather to worship you as one family of your people, honoring you as our Creator, trusting you as our Savior, celebrating you as the Spirit who gives us life. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others. We judge ourselves more generously than others. We fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of wisdom, as we listen to your Word recorded by generations of your people, fill us with understanding by the power of your Holy Spirit. Reveal the mysteries of faith to us so that we may grow in faithfulness, following Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 (NRSV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:22-30 (NRSV)

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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MESSAGE *What a Shepherd* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned to blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

* HYMN: 419 (Blue Hymnal) *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

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: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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.

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

Rev. Dr. James Barnum	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

The Flowers today are donated by Kita and Gary de Sesa in loving memory of their mothers, Kitty Bouroff and Lorraine de Sesa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, May 14	10:00 AM	Session Meeting
Sun, May 18	11:15 AM	Luncheon after worship

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Maya Leibfreid	Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Judy Mastrangelo & Family	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Nico Barley
Gerry Catalanello	Sylvia McAdams
Richie Miranda	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.