

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 EAST BROADWAY  
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026

10:00 AM

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**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

**Many: We will not be afraid.**

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**Many: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.**

One: Let God's people shout for joy!

**Many: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.**

**All: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!**

\* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal) *God Is Here!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, you shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and fears in the shadows of death. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Most Holy and merciful God: we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncement, yet we cling to the privileges derived from social inequities. All too often we are blind to our**

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

**complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Give us the courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Give us the grace to pay the price for changing our behavior. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.** (Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE APOSTLE'S CREED Ecumenical, p. 14 Blue Hymnal  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal) *Glory Be to the Father  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end  
Amen, Amen.*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: O God, we seek your wisdom and truth in the Scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our minds and hearts to receive the gift of your Word. Challenge and comfort us in what we hear, and strength us to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind

and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

\* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Glory to You, O God**

MESSAGE *The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King*

Dr. Natalie Naylor

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

\* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

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 REQUESTS

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

**God of the fishers who first followed Jesus, you have called us to follow and here we are. We offer what we have and ask you to bless our gifts. Give us the courage we need to invite others to join us in following Jesus, our Friend and Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN: 267 (Blue Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG: 232 (Red Hymnal) *God Be with You*

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
Dr. Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Assisting in today's service is Mary Matos.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**February Birthdays**

2/1	Cathy Shimmel
2/14	James Shimmel
2/22	Katie Zarghami

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Wendy Boer	Helen Lockman
Ira Cooper	Katie Zarghami
Cynthia Randall	Dawn and John de Sesa
Gary B. de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Judy Mastrangelo & Family	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Gerry Catalanello
Sylvia McAdams	Richie Miranda
Stefania Cecchini	Alex Palumbo
Rick Collins and Family	Family of Steven Panzella
Family of Janine Francolini	Marianne Wagner Rizzo
Chet Scire	William Cornell
Lawrence Topel	Willy Geddish

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Ukraine and Russia along with all victims and their families from the Gaza-Israeli conflict and all nations that are at war. We pray for all families who are in need, and those who are grieving their loved ones.