

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,

Many: And God's truth opens our eyes.

One: Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,

Many: And God's love brings healing and hope.

One: Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,

Many: And God's people are born from above.

One: We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.

All: Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.

* HYMN: 182 (Red Hymnal) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty and mercy, Christ, both Lord and Servant, Spirit of new life, your mystery embraces the vast reaches of the universe and yet you are present with us in the course of our daily lives. With even the tiniest spark of your wisdom, you illuminate the greatest complexities. With the smallest gesture of your love, you renew our hope. Deepen our sense of your holy presence this day. Assure us that your love will never let us go. And so we offer

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

our praise and our prayers this day to you, Holy God, Holy One and Holy Three, with humble hearts and faith that seeks understanding. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking deeper understanding. We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions. Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies. Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you and your love for the world.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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: God of Wisdom, we turn to Scripture to listen and learn. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen carefully so that we hear what we have not heard before and learn to follow Christ with deeper understanding and renewed commitment. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."
³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."
⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"
⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and

Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

* HYMN: 151 (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

MESSAGE *Born Again*

Rev. Mark Applewhite

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: *Climb Every Mountain* Hammerstein

Gary Lorentzson, soloist

*Climb ev’ry mountain, Search high and low, Follow ev’ry byway,
Every path you know. Climb ev’ry mountain, Ford ev’ry stream,
Follow ev’ry rainbow Till you find your dream. A dream that will need
all the love you can give Ev’ry day of your life for as long as you live.
Climb ev’ry mountain, Ford ev’ry stream, Follow ev’ry rainbow Till
you find your dream.*

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: 170 (Red Hymnal) *Give Thanks*

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: 431 (Red Hymnal) *Shine, Jesus, Shine (vv. 1 & 2)*

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 Life, from you all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy flow from them, too. And bless our lives so the world may see in us signs of your kingdom at work in the church and community, in Christ's name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. James Barnum
Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Dr. Robert Gilmore

Pastor
Director, Ministry of Music
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Our guest musician today is Gary Lorentzson, soloist.

We welcome to the pulpit today the Rev. Mark Applewhite.

We welcome Theresa Tsai-Petkoff, as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Helen Lockman
Cynthia Randall
Gary B. de Sesa
Graziella Girardi
Judy Mastrangelo & Family
Ray Peres
Sylvia McAdams
Stefania Cecchini
Rick Collins and Family
Family of Janine Francolini
Chet Scire
Lawrence Topel

Katie Zarghami
Dawn and John de Sesa
Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch
Regina Maria
Gerry Catalanello
Richie Miranda
Alex Palumbo
Family of Steven Panzella
Marianne Wagner Rizzo
William Cornell
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.