

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Holy One;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the Holy One is a great God,

People: And a great Sovereign above all.

Pastor: In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

People: The heights of the mountains are God's also.

Pastor: The sea is God's, for God made it,

People: And the dry land, formed by God's hands.

Pastor: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the Holy One, our Maker.

Pastor: For God is our God,

People: And we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand. Today, if we hear God's voice, may our hearts be open. So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

* HYMN: 562 (Red Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Living God,

People: You meet us at the well of our longing. You cross

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

boundaries of culture and fear. You speak truth without shame, and offer living water without price. On this Lenten journey, clear away what is hardened in us. Soften what is brittle. Open what is closed. Let this hour be a wellspring—that we may drink deeply of Christ's mercy and become bearers of living water for the world. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: In Lent, we do not confess because we are despised. We confess because we are loved. Like the Samaritan woman, we carry thirst we can barely name. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, our hearts can grow hardened and weary. Yet Christ waits for us at the well. Let us come to Him, honestly, trusting in grace.

All: Gracious and searching God, we confess that we thirst for things that do not satisfy. We draw from shallow wells—approval, control, distraction—while neglecting the living water of your Spirit. We confess that we harden our hearts—toward those who differ from us, toward truths we resist, toward your quiet voice within. We build walls where you build bridges. We label others when you call them beloved. Forgive us, O Christ. Meet us at the well. Speak truth to us. Love us deeply. And, renew us in your mercy. Amen.

(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

Leader: Holy Spirit,

People: As we listen to Romans and the Gospel, open in us the well of understanding. Where the Word challenges us, give us courage. Where the Word comforts us, give us rest. Where the Word sends us, give us willingness. May the scriptures become living water

within us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-11 (Adapted)

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith,

People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Through Christ we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;

People: And we rejoice in the hope of sharing in the glory of God.

Leader: And not only that — we also rejoice in our sufferings,

People: Knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Leader: And endurance produces character,

People: And character produces hope.

Leader: And hope does not disappoint us,

People: Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

Leader: God proves God's love for us in this.

People: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: Therefore, we have been justified by Christ's life and love;

People: And we are reconciled to God through him.

Leader: So we rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: Through whom we have received reconciliation.

Leader: Thanks be to God, whose love opens our hearts. This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God

* HYMN: 583 (Red Hymnal) *You are My All in All*

THE GOSPEL: John 4:5–30, 39–42 (selected, NRSV)

Pastor: Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near Jacob's well. Tired from his journey, he sat down by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please, give me a drink."

Reader 2 (Woman): "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"

Pastor (Jesus): "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Reader 2: "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

Pastor: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

Reader 2: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty."

Pastor: Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

Reader 2: "I have no husband."

Pastor: "You are right in saying so... What you have said is true."

Reader 2: "Sir, I see that you are a prophet... I know that Messiah is coming."

Pastor: "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Then, the woman left her water jar and went back to the city.

Reader 2 (to congregation): "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

Pastor: Many Samaritans believed because of her testimony.

Reader 2: And they said, "We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *When Hearts Open* Rt. Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio

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: 589 (Red Hymnal) *Here I Am, Lord*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

Pastor: At the well, Jesus asked for water—and offered living water in return. In gratitude for the graces we've been given, let us offer our lives, our gifts, and our resources for the healing of the world.

* 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

Pastor: Generous God,

People: Receive these gifts— symbols of our gratitude and signs of our commitment. May they flow outward like living water— bringing justice where there is inequity, welcome where there is exclusion, and hope where there is despair. We pray You use us, and what we offer, to build a world more reflective of your love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Thank you for joining us today, online or in-person. As we leave this time of worship, may we go into the Lenten wilderness having drawn from living water. For when you feel spiritual thirst, remember Christ waits for you at every well; and, when you meet strangers, trust that Christ is already at work between you. And as you go, receive this blessing: May our God who creates, our Christ who redeems, and the Spirit who flows like living water, bless us and keep us - this day, and always.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. 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
Dr. Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

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

Assisting in today's service are Gary Lorentzson and Natalie Naylor.

Refreshments Host for today is Natalie Naylor.

Next Sunday's scriptures:

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-4

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Robert Gilmore
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

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

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.