

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: More than those who watch for the morning,

Many: We wait faithfully for God.

One: With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

Many: We wait faithfully for God.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

All: And offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.

ANTHEM: *We Wait for Thee* Johnson
*Dark is the night and empty the sky, As the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation, As we wait for the promise of old.
Come, thou Prince of Peace; Come, great Lord of lords; Come, set
Your people free. Come, Desire of the nations, come, With joy and
hope we wait for Thee. Revive our hearts and renew our minds, Come
and bring us peace to endure. Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,
Emanuel, God with us! Come, thou Prince of Peace; Come great Lord
of lords; Come, set your people free. Come, Desire of the nations,
come, With joy and hope we wait for Thee, With joy and hope we wait
for Thee!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise

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

you. In the face of all that wearies us and worries us, your Word echoes across the centuries with hope. As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season, his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our sorrows, walking with us, sharing our tears. You stand beside us when we don't know which way to turn. In this time of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises. Draw near to us when we need you the most with love that will never let us go. And so we offer you our wonder and our praise in the name of Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

* HYMN: 655 (Red Hymnal) *Sanctuary*

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God who knows us through and through, we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith. We remember difficult times and wonder where you were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment.

(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: Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

* HYMN: 486 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:6-11 (NRSV)

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot,

⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

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

MESSAGE *O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.*

Rev. Dr. James Barnum

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: 684 (Red Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

The Shepherd who walks beside us in every valley also calls us to share in the work of healing the world. Our offerings today are signs of gratitude— gifts that help extend compassion, justice, and hope. As people who have received the light of Christ, let us give generously so that others may see that light as well.

* 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**

We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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
Dr. Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Assisting in today's service is Ira Cooper.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

Next Sunday's scriptures for Passion/Palm Sunday:

Psalm 118:1-2,19-21; Matthew 21:1-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Mar. 25 10:00 AM Session Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Cathy Shimmel
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

Dr. Gary de Sesa
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.