

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

One: God is Good

Many: All the time

One: And all the time

Many: God is Good

One: Because God is our Rock and our Fortress.

Many: In God, we do find refuge and strength.

One: God's house has many dwelling places.

Many: We will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

One: Christ himself has gone to prepare a place for us.

Many: Jesus is the way to find our Home for all those who are wounded healers

All: So let us worship God in the Spirit and in Truth.

* HYMN: 435 (Red Hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Steadfast God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter when we are afraid, and our dwelling place forever. In you alone we place our trust, for you set the way before us in Christ Jesus, and your Spirit gives us courage to follow him. And so we offer you our worship and love as the Source of life for the world, as the Son who preached the truth of grace and mercy, and the Spirit

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

who guides us this day and always. Amen.

* HYMN: 121 (Blue Hymnal) *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we confess Jesus as the way, the truth and the life for us, yet we often fail to truly follow Him. Too often we have gone our own way, distorted the truth and led lives that hurt others. Forgive us for falling short of your purpose for our lives. Give us courage to follow Jesus, who continues to show us the way to find our true home with all people.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ANTHEM: *O Lord, Correct Me*

- Handel

O Lord, correct me, with loving kindness

Have mercy on me and purify my thought

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me and purify my thought.

O wash me thoroughly from all iniquity

And cast me not away, away from Thy presence

Take not Thy Holy Spirit, Thy Spirit from me

O Lord, I thank Thee, thou dost uphold me

Keep all my foot steps and show to me thy way

Keep all my foot steps and show to me thy way

Father, I praise Thee for all Thy goodness

Teach me Thy precepts

Be Thou my strength and stay

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: Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide our understanding as we listen to the Scriptures so that we may follow you more closely, know your truth more fully, and share in your gift of life more abundantly, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will

know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *House of Mercy*

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.

* CLOSING HYMN: 140 (Blue Hymnal) *Holy, Holy*

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

Generous God, we bless you for life renewed through Christ’s love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Use the gifts we offer to bring hope and renewal to the world you love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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 Hosts for today are Katie Zarghami, Maya Leibfreid, Mary & Michael Matos, and Natalie Naylor.

Roslyn Presbyterian Church is pleased to present student Abigail Kim, recipient of the RPC 2025 Music Scholarship, who will perform a Violin and Piano Recital after today’s service. We join together in encouraging Abigail in her further studies. Light refreshments to be served afterwards.

Next Sunday’s scriptures:

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Sun, May 3	11:15 AM	Music Recital
Wed, May 6	12:00 PM	Bible Study In Person
Wed, May 13	12:00 PM	Bible Study In Person
Wed, May 20	10:00 AM	Session meeting
Wed, May 20	12:00 PM	Bible Study In Person

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Cathy Shimmel	Dr. Gary de Sesa
Robert Gilmore	Helen Lockman
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	Steve & David Seeley Kirschman

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Iran and our country; Ukraine and Russia; along with all victims and their families from the Gaza/Lebanon-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.