ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026 10:00 AM

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? Psalm 116:12
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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
One: Let us sing to the LORD a new song.
Many: We will bless God's name from day to day.
One: Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;
Many: For God is great and greatly to be praised.
One: Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.
All: We will bring God honor and glory as we worship God's holy name.

ANTHEM: *Honor and Glory* Keating
Honor and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power, and might be to our God, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen. The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Amen. Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ have come. Amen. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Holy God, your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe, yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus. In him, you walk beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. We praise you that your love embraces the whole creation, yet you find a place and a purpose for us mortals. Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we are humbled in your presence. In our worship, we offer you our love and loyalty, now and always. Amen.

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

* HYMN: # 389 (Red Hymnal) *Spirit of the Living God*

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Patient God, we confess we need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways. Forgive us, O God, amend who we are and direct who you would have us be for the sake of Christ, our Savior and Friend, and for Your Kingdom's sake.
(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 Word and Wisdom, as we turn to the scriptures, may we hear your voice calling us to deeper faith and truer devotion. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (THE MESSAGE)
I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace! 2-5 Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends,

that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. [5-6] You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. [7-10] Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—*you're* the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22 (THE MESSAGE)
[15-17] That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: ***Is it right*** to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" [18-19] Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece. [20] "This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?" [21] They said, "Caesar." "Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his." [22] The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE **What is RIGHT *RPC?*** *When the NEWS of your faith gets out that YOU ARE the MESSAGE (maybe if it's only around the Pond) you will hear the WORD proclaimed,* "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

The Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* HYMN: # 54 (Red Hymnal) *My Tribute*
(Kita will open with a verse, congregation responds with chorus)
Note from Rev. Jim - *My Tribute* was my favorite hymn 50 years ago. I came back from my 50th reunion of Taylor University, from which many YFC/Campus life people came to Long Island, including Jack and Becky Crabtree.

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.

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 abundance, we bring what we have to share, a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that generosity and justice will join hands, and your goodness touches those in need, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN: # 122 (Blue Hymnal) *Thine Is the Glory*

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 Katie Zarghami.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Oct. 21	12:00 PM	Cemetery committee mtg
Fri, Oct. 23	9:00 AM	Session meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Helen Lockman	Cynthia Randall
Steve Kirschman	Dawn and John de Sesa
Gary B. de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Emmie Shoch	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Gerry Catalanello
Sylvia McAdams	Stefania Cecchini
Family of Steven Panzella	Family of Janine Francolini
Chet Scire	William Cornell
Lawrence Topel	Willy Geddish
Jasmina & Jaiden Allen	Paula Liscio
Dr. Klaus Dittmar	

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.