ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP/REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026 10:00 AM

Psalm 46:7
The Lord Almighty is with us, The God of Jacob is our fortress

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
One: From the routines of work and school, home and play,
Many: We have come to worship God, Our Refuge
One: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,
Many: We have come to worship God, Our Friend
One: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,
Many: We offer prayer and praise & worship, Our Great God
One: In the shadow of our siblings in faith
Many: We join together to worship God, Our Hope
One: For we trust in God's power and presence,
All: So let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength. To God be the Glory. Amen and Amen.

* HYMN: # 457 (Blue Hymnal) *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
Attr. John Calvin French Psalter 1545

PRAYER OF THE DAY
We greet Thee, our sure Redeemer, King, and Life. Thou hast been the true and perfect gentleness. No harshness, nor bitterness. Grant unto us thy grace we find in Thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity. As You have created the mountains, your Truthfulness reflects your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees colored with autumn glory sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the depth of space give a glimpse of your infinity. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone give us hope. Thus we praise You, and join our voices on this Sunday, the resurrection day, for those of every age who are willing to stop and wonder at your mystery and majesty. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Majesty* Hayford
Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise. Majesty, Kingdom authority flow from his throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Merciful God, you created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim our hesitancy when you set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet, every sin offends your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves transformed.
(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 all truth, when we think that we have life all figured out, hold up the mirror of your Word so that we can see our own

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

foolishness. If we think we are beyond forgiveness, reflect to us your Word of mercy and love, offered to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 (THE MESSAGE) [1-2] So, friends, it's obvious that our visit to you was no waste of time. We had just been given rough treatment in Philippi, as you know, but that didn't slow us down. We were sure of ourselves in God, and went right ahead and said our piece, presenting God's Message to you, defiant of the opposition. [3-5] God tested us thoroughly to make sure we were qualified to be trusted with this Message. Be assured that when we speak to you we're not after crowd approval—only God approval. Since we've been put through that battery of tests, you're guaranteed that both we and the Message are free of error, mixed motives, or hidden agendas. We never used words to butter you up. No one knows that better than you. And God knows we never used words as a smoke screen to take advantage of you. [6-8] Even though we had some standing as Christ's apostles, we never threw our weight around or tried to come across as important, with you or anyone else. We weren't standoffish with you. We took you just as you were. We were never patronizing, never condescending, but we cared for you the way a mother cares for her children. We loved you dearly. Not content to just pass on the Message, we wanted to give you our hearts. And we *did*. [9-12] You remember us in those days, friends, working our fingers to the bone, up half the night, moonlighting so you wouldn't have the burden of supporting us while we proclaimed God's Message to you. You saw with your own eyes how discreet and courteous we were among you, with keen sensitivity to you as fellow believers. And God knows we weren't freeloaders! You experienced it all firsthand. With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom, into this delightful life. [13] And now we look back on all this and thank God, a geyser of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!

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

* HYMN: # 214 (Red Hymnal) *He Has Made Me Glad*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46 (THE MESSAGE)
[34-36] When the Pharisees heard how he had bested the Sadducees, they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: "Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?" [37-40] Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: **'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."** [41-42] As the Pharisees were regrouping, Jesus caught them off balance with his own test question: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said, "David's son." [43-45] Jesus replied, "Well, if the Christ is David's son, how do you explain that David, under inspiration, named Christ his 'Master'? God said to my Master, "Sit here at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." "Now if David calls him 'Master,' how can he at the same time be his son?" [46] That stumped them, literalists that they were. Unwilling to risk losing face again in one of these public verbal exchanges, they quit asking questions for good.

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

MESSAGE **TAG YOU ARE IT** The Rev. Dr. James Barnum
If the Ten commandments are the foundation of the Christian faith, which is the greatest commandment? ***Listen to the question Jesus asks in today's gospel*. How would you and I answer Jesus' question? What one of Ten commandments in our lives *do YOU need to Hear and Heed?* Or do you hear something else in scriptures, or in life, that is God's will for you to do? (I love the Father's patience, waiting for His sons to rejoice with him and understand how great God's Love is. Or a mother's love and protection of her children.) What is God's great law or desire summed up in perhaps a children's game of TAG?**

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (John Calvin & the Ten commandments)

Pastor: In Chapter 5 of Book II of John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, Calvin addresses and refutes common arguments raised against ***the Reformed doctrine of divine grace*** and the ***bondage of the human will***. Philosophical Objections Refuted:
People: Calvin counters arguments claiming that if sin is necessary, it cannot be voluntary or deserving of punishment. He asserts that human sin is voluntary yet bound by corrupted nature, meaning humanity remains morally responsible without possessing free choice.

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
Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them – and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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 Jonathan Parsons.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary & Michael Matos.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Reminder - please set your clocks ***back*** one hour next Sunday!
Daylight Saving Time ends on 11/1/26.

November Birthdays

11/9	Louise Dunbar	11/20	Rev. Jim Barnum
11/19	Gary de Sesa	11/22	Suzan Chou

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	