

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN: 553 (Red Hymnal) *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it.
Many: The world and those who live in it belong to God.
One: So hear what God will speak:
Many: God will speak peace to those who turn to him in their hearts.
One: Then faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
Many: And righteousness will look down from the sky.
One: God's salvation is at hand for those who honor him.
All: May God's glory and justice dwell in our land.

* HYMN: 263 (Blue Hymnal) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you are the Source of life and love in all creation. In a world marked by bitterness, you are compassion. In a culture marked by confusion, you are the truth that sets us free. Your strength is comfort when we are fearful. Your wisdom is guidance when we lose our way. Amen.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE
(Please remain in your seat and wave to your neighbors.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, in a selfish world, you are generous to those in need. In the face of injustice, you speak as our conscience. Instead of vengeance, you call for mercy and reconciliation. Forgive us when we follow the instincts of the world, rather than the faithfulness you teach. Strengthen our resolve to live generously, in action and in attitude.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: God of Word and Wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, enlighten our minds, nurture our souls, embolden our hearts, and stir our minds, so that we may live out your Word in the world you love. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:14-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

* HYMN: 11 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(Response to *Blessed are you, O God: For all your goodness to us.*)

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, growth in gardens and fields this summer speaks of the generosity you have planted within your creation. Bless the gifts we bring, that they too may grow in fruitfulness, and touch lives in need with your generous love, in the name of Christ, our help and our hope. Amen.

* HYMN: 139 (Red Hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

We welcome Joseph Pan as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Refreshments Host today is Cathy Shimmel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Tues, July 16 1 PM Session Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emily Dyer
 Dawn and John de Sesa
 Family of Eddie Balsamo
 The Catalanello Family
 Sheemeza Ali
 Emmie Shoch
 John Nistico
 Regina Maria
 Paula Liscio
 Elizabeth Bienz
 Jay Sikserz
 Blake and Megan Stevason
 Marco Martufi
 Helen Lockman

Emma Steck
 Joyce Zanchelli
 Sam Rizzo
 Graziella Girardi
 Paul Whelan and Family
 Dr. Ralph & Judy Mastrangelo
 Jeff Lovering
 Rhonda Liss
 The Stallone Family
 Ray Peres
 Kim Grosso
 Regina Druz
 Nico Barley
 Cynthia Randall

All victims, hostages and their families in the Israeli conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East.

First Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Second Reading

Mark 6:14-29

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his

courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.