**Rosedale Congregational Church**

A United Church of Christ

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***Where the healing power of love meets***

***the brokenness of the world***

**Order of Worship**

**April 30th , 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Prelude** Tom Bradshaw

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Special Music**

**\*Call to Worship**

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| One: | I was glad when they said to me  ‘Let us go to the house of God.’ |
| **Many:** | **Here we listen to the ancient stories.**  **Here we remember who we really are.** |
| One: | God gives us new life through Jesus Christ.  God comes near in forgiveness and love. |
| **Many:** | **God promises us grace and salvation.**  **God protects us and strengthens us**  **for every trial.** |

**\*Opening Hymn** “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” *#1*

*(Please be seated for the opening prayer)*

**Opening Prayer** (unison)

**Eternal Source of life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love. Help us set aside our everyday worries and concerns and concentrate on your loving kindness. Create in us anew a sense of meaning in the Spirit of Christ. And give us the trust that knows that beyond our asking and our imagining, you are there waiting for us. Amen.**

**Youth and Children’s Time**

**Joys and Concerns**

Those who have specific concerns or special joys are invited to share them in order that we might join together in a prayer of intercession and thanksgiving.

**Prayer/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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 1: 1-12

**Message** “Practicing Joy”

Rev. Ruth Bradshaw

**Reflection Hymn** “When Peace Like a River” #438

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**  Tom Bradshaw

**\*Doxology** *We Give You but Your Own* *# 785*

**We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be.**

**All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

\***Dedication of the Offering** (unison)

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts, that we might be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**“The Trees of the Field” See Insert

**Blessing:**

Pastor: Go forth into the world

in confidence and joy.

Christ is risen

through the power of God.

**All: Hallelujah!**

**Amen!**

**Postlude Medley**

\* - Please stand as you are able

Where applicable, permission is granted by CCLI #11076510.

**Welcome to All!**

*Each person present this morning is an important and valuable part of this Rosedale Congregational Church Community, whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing to the entire congregation. May you always know God’s gift of unending love for you!*

**Ministry at Rosedale Congregational Church**

If you would like to learn more about Rosedale Congregational United Church of Christ, if you would like to share a prayer concern for yourself or a loved One, or if you would like to talk about your faith journey, please feel free to contact the church at 913-236-6337.

To reach the pastor you may call her at 316-573-7885, send an email to rwagnerbradshaw@gmail.com OR call the church office at 913-236-6337 and leave a message. Messages will be checked at least every 24 hours. Office hours are most Wednesdays from 9-12 noon.