

**In Remembrance of Henry Roth**

**We Invite You to Join in this Celebration of His Life**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.

Palisades Presbyterian Church, Palisades, New York

The Rev. Ray Bagnuolo, Minister; Pat McDowell, Guest Organist

Prelude      *Simple Gifts*      Shaker Tune

Church Bell

Call to Community: Romans 8:38-39

I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
Nor angels, nor rulers,  
Nor things present, nor things to come,  
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God.

\* Hymn #488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Unison Prayer

O God, who gave us birth,  
You are ever more ready to hear us than we are to pray.  
You know our needs before we ask for help,  
And you know the questions we have yet to learn.  
Please show us your grace,  
So that as we remember the life of Henry Roth,  
We can glimpse the serenity you promise us all,  
In the mystery of an eternity  
beyond all we know.

Prayer of Confession

Let us now ask the Creator to cleanse our hearts,  
To redeem our memories, and to renew our  
confidence in the goodness of the Eternal One.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hymn # 272 *God of the Sparrow*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading:                      Psalm 121

Second Reading:                  Matthew 22: 34 – 40

Reflection & Reading          Ray Bagnuolo

Readings & Comments from Henry's Friends *Open to All.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God,  
Before whom all generations rise and pass away,  
We praise you for all your servants  
Who, having lived this life in faith,  
Now live eternally with you.

Especially we thank you for the life and love of Henry Roth,  
Whose earthly journey is now complete.  
We praise you for the gift of Henry's being with us and  
For his faithful and passionate spirit.  
We thank you for his dedication to justice and to a just world.  
You have kindled us with his fire and his wit.  
We are grateful for his and your presence  
That lives forever in our hearts.  
Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

\* Hymn # 537                      *Shalom, Chaverim!*

\*Benediction

Postlude                          *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach

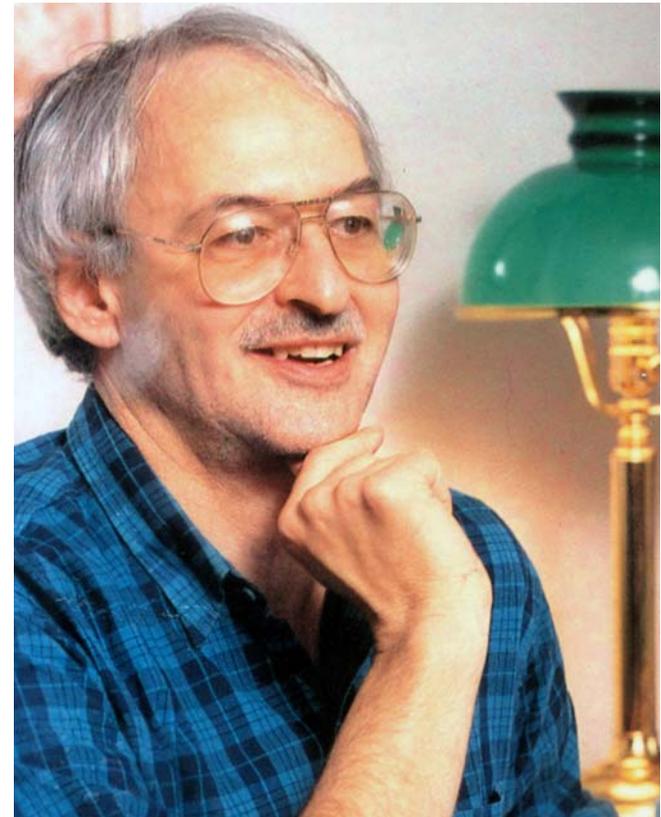
\* *All who are able please stand*

## Henry Roth

This is thy hour, O Soul,  
thy free flight into the wordless,  
Away from books, away from art,  
The day erased, the lesson done,  
Thee fully forth emerging, silent,  
Gazing, pondering the themes thou lovest best,  
Night, sleep, death and the stars.

From "A Clear Midnight"

By Walt Whitman



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The Roth Family thanks you for being with us today and invites you to join them in sharing refreshments following the service. The family also asks that any donations in Henry's memory be made to the Palisades Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 687, Palisades, New York 10964.

[www.ppc10964.org](http://www.ppc10964.org)

"In every day there is an hour that's not on the clock,  
and in every year there is a season not on the calendar.  
This hour and this season belong to the imagination,  
where no one can intrude."

From "Language" by Henry Roth