

First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ



***Our Mission Statement** - “We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God’s people.”*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 * 9:45AM

“Between God and the soul there is no between.”
— *Julian of Norwich*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us in the stillness.

People: When we stop trying to fill ourselves up, we discover God in the emptiness.

Leader: We allow our fears and the wisdom of our culture to dictate how we live.

People: In the stillness and emptiness of worship, may we find your true wisdom and life.

HYMN #649 *“Amazing Grace”* (Stanzas 1-3, 5) Amazing Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, we are told that Jesus’ original disciples did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Yet we assume that we understand perfectly and have nothing about what Jesus says that makes us uncomfortable. Could it be that our presumed seeing, in truth, is blindness? Could it be that true understanding of Jesus leads first to an experience of disorientation? Forgive our false comfort and give us courage for a true and deeper encounter with Christ. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI (#581)

**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. A - men, A - men.**

THE PEACE

Proclaim God's Word

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James 3:13-4:3 (pg. 279 NT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 (pg. 55 NT)

SERMON *“It Takes a While to Sink in”* Rev. John W. Monroe, III

HYMN *“Nowhere Man”* (see insert)..... John Lennon & Paul McCartney (The Beatles)
~ *Performed by Anita Waters* ~

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*Sebastian Temple

Go in God's Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

“The Lord's Prayer”Spoken

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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