

# 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."*

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 \* 9:45AM

*“The chief thing that separates us from God is the thought  
that we are separated from God.”*

— *Thomas Keating*

PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: We are assured that we are not prisoners to the way things are.*

**People: Our God is one who leads us to a life of truth, beauty, and goodness.**

*Leader: The resistances within and around us make the road to freedom hard.*

**People: God accompanies us along the way and brings us to the Promised Land.**

**HYMN #401 “Here in This Place”** (Stanzas 1,3,4)..... England

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Loving God, we have failed to pay attention to the ways we go about our lives. Much of the time, we are living automatically. We are not truly present to ourselves or others or to you. Give us the grace and courage to be present and open to the gifts of change and growth. Give us strength to face what we seek to avoid, so that we can discover your presence more fully and taste the greater life you offer. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING .....Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (pg. 161 OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 9:38-50 (pg. 55 NT)

SERMON "*Salting the Self*" ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III

HYMN "*Blowin' in the Wind*" (see insert)..... Bob Dylan

~ *Performed by Doug MacLean* ~

## Respond to God

### WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Come Alive*" .....Lauren Daigle

~ *Performed by Doug MacLean* ~

## 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**

**Ministers of the Church:**  
All members

**Staff:**  
Rev. John W. Monroe, III, Pastor;  
Rev. Sue Smith, Parish Associate;  
Andrea Fegan, Director of Music;  
Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School;  
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