

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.”*

Reformation Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021 * 9:45AM

“When there is no longer a cyclone, there is no longer an eye. So the storms, crises and sufferings of life are a way of finding the eye.”

— *Bernadette Roberts*

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress” Luther/Hedge

INTROIT “Amazing Grace”.....Newton/Excell
~ Performed by *Derek Midgley, Bagpipes* ~

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This Reformation Sunday, we pause to look back at the way the Spirit has reformed us in the past.

People: We affirm that the Spirit of God is not frozen in time or limited to the new births which came before us.

Leader: The winds of God’s Spirit disturb the status quo and move us to letting go, so that a new birth may take place in and through us.

People: May we welcome God’s transforming love in our lives and in our world.

HYMN #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”I Want to Be a Christian
~ Performed by *John Garth* ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, it is easier to look back than it is to look forward. It is easier to look forward than to see clearly the present moment. May we know that, as an eternal God, time does not limit you. In you, all time is eternally present. As people who seek you, we too, may receive and live by your creativity and justice which know no bounds. Give us courage not only to hear your will, but to live it, that your reforming work may continue to make us new, more in likeness to Christ; in whose name we pray. 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 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (pg. 204 OT)
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 60 NT)
SERMON *“Recovering the Sacred”* Rev. John W. Monroe, III
HYMN *“Both Sides, Now”* (see insert) Joni Mitchell

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Calling All Angels”* Train
~ Performed by *John Garth* ~

Go in God's Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

“The Lord's Prayer” Spoken

BENEDICTION

HYMN #321 *“The Church's One Foundation”* Aurelia

POSTLUDE *“Scotland The Brave”* Cliff Hanley
~ Performed by *Derek Midgley, Bagpipes* ~

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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