

# 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.”*

# Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 14, 2021 \* 9:45AM

*“Compassion is the love that recognizes and goes forth to identify with the preciousness of all that is lost and broken within ourselves and others.”*  
— *James Finley*

PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELL**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:*     *We gather this morning to pause for worship and for the silence in which God speaks.*

**People:**     **Give us courage to let go of our self-preoccupation so that we may become aware of your presence in the emptiness of our hearts.**

*Leader:*     *We think that answers will give us a sense of control and that control will give us peace.*

**People:**     **Your peace comes to us unexpectedly when we let go and allow you to commune with us, heart to heart.**

**HYMN #840 “When Peace like a River”** ..... Ville Du Havre  
~ *Performed by Doug McLean* ~

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**God, we find it hard to trust you. Practices of stillness frighten us, and we work hard to fill up the empty spaces with activity and noise. But our restless hearts witness to us that our strategies for happiness continue to come up short. Ultimately, what we seek is beyond us and can only be given by you. Lead us to the path upon which we will find what we need. Lead us to the same path that Jesus took and taught, that we might find our heart’s true home. 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 ..... Daniel 12:1-3 (pg. 1022 OT)  
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 13:1-8 (pg. 60 NT)  
SERMON *“That Which Holds the Chaos”* ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III  
HYMN *“Peace Train”* (see insert) ..... Cat Stevens

**Respond to God**

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Weave Me the Sunshine”* ..... Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary)

*~ 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:**  
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Rev. Sue Smith, Parish Associate;  
Andrea Fegan, Director of Music;  
Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School;  
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