

# *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."*

# Race Relations Sunday

January 15, 2023 : 9:45AM

*“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”*

— *Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE “*People Get Ready*” ..... Curtis Mayfield

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT “*Higher Ground*” .....Johnson Oatman/Charles H. Gabriel

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .*

**People: come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

*Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .*

**People: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

*Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .*

**People: come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

*Leader: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .*

**People: come worship a God who gives life meaning.**

**Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.**

**\*HYMN #761 “*Called as Partners in God’s Service*”** ..... Beecher

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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**

***Listen for God's Word***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON .....Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 830 OT)

MEDITATION/SONG *“I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”* ..... Backer, Davis,  
Greenaway, Cook

*~ Offered by Doug MacLean ~*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 235 NT)

SERMON *“One New Humanity”* .....Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

**\*HYMN #749 *“Come! Live in the Light!”***.....We Are Called

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Here I Am, Lord”* ..... Jack Schrader

**\*THE DOXOLOGY (#607)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Amen.**

***Go in God's Name***

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER**

*“The Lord’s Prayer”* .....Spoken

**\*HYMN #754 *“Help Us Accept Each Other”*** .....Baronita

**BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“A Choral Benediction”* .....Don Besig

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*# Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.*

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**Sunday Service**  
**9:45am**

**Ministers of the Church:**  
All members

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Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School  
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