

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."

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023 : 9:45AM

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.”

— Martin Luther

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* John Ness Beck/Craig Courtney
~ Offered by *Suzanne Parmly* ~

RINGING OF THE BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“On Humble Beast Now Rides the King”* Hal H. Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!

People: See, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation,

Leader: gentle and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

***HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. In the name of the one who walked to the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Psalm 118:19-29 (pg. 695 OT)

CHORAL MEDITATION *“People Get Ready”* (see insert) Curtis Mayfield

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 27 NT)
SERMON “*Just Because....*” Rev. Dr. Paul J Kirbas
*HYMN #198 “*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*” St. Drostan

Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*A Communion Psalm*”John Parker/Benjamin Harlan

*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.

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: ...we praise you and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

“The Lord’s Prayer” Spoken

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

Go in God’s Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN #196 “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*”Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “*The Peace of The Earth*” Guatemalan Traditional, by John L.
Bell/Marty Haugen

**Please stand if you are able.
Indicates song in Presbyterian Hymnal.*

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Sunday Service
9:45am

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