

# *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."*

# *Easter Sunday*

*April 9, 2023 @ 9:45AM*

*“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.”*

— *Pope John Paul II*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”* ..... Jean Tisserand/Paul Sjolund

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died*

**People: As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied**

*Leader: Let the moon embrace the blessing, let the sun sustain the cheer*

**People: Let the world confirm the rumor; Christ is risen, God is here!**

**\*HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** .....Easter Hymn

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, 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**

## *Listen for God's Word*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Jeremiah 31:1-6 (pg. 897 OT)  
CHORAL MEDITATION "*Yours Today*" ..... Rory Cooney  
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 66 NT)  
SERMON "*Afraid of....*" ..... Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas  
\*HYMN #240 "*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*" ..... Alleluia No. 1

## *Respond to God*

### WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*All Shall Be Well*" ..... John Foley

### \*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 #238 "*Thine Is the Glory*" ..... Judas Maccabeus

### BENEDICTION

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

Special thanks to our choir: John Garth, Doug MacLean, Sara Marino, Kate Moran,  
Suzanne Parmly, Anita Waters and Kyle Skrivanek on Trumpet

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*# Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal).*

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

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All members

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Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas, Pastor;  
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Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School  
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