

# *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."*

# *Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 16, 2023 @ 9:45AM*

*“Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.”*

*— Paul Tillich*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *“Join in the Dance”* ..... Dan Schutte

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.*

**People: Alleluia!**

*Leader: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.*

**People: Alleluia!**

*Leader: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.*

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN #246 “Christ Is Alive!”** ..... Truro

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Gracious God, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. 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 111 (pg. 691 OT)

MEDITATIVE SONG #254 *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”* .....Puer Nobis  
Nascitur

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....John 20:24-29 (pg. 141 NT)

SERMON *“The Twin Sister”* ..... Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

\*HYMN #250 *“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”* ..... Promise

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“God So Loved the World”*..... Ken Medema/Robert Sterling

**\*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 #233 *“The Day of Resurrection!”*..... Lancashire

**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 Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal).*

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

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Sandi Van Cleve, Director of Church School  
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