

# *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."*

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 7, 2023 : 9:45AM*

*“Every Saint has a past. Every Sinner, has a future.”*

*— Oscar Wilde*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT *“Thou Art Worthy”* .....Pauline Michael Mills

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: The earth is warming, the birdsong increases, the sweeter breezes brush our cheeks, and the earth holds hope in its seeds and buds.*

**People: Come, let us gather this morning, with joyful noise, with warm hearts, and with hopeful spirits, for we are one with the renewal of the earth and blessedly held in the love of one another.**

**\*HYMN #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”** ..... DIX

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our sin and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen 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.....Proverbs 4:10-18 (pg. 721 OT)

SOLO MEDITATION *“Waking Light”* (see insert)..... Beck Hansen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... John 21:15-17 (pg. 142 NT)

SERMON *“The God of Second Chances”* .....Dr. Paul J Kirbas

\*HYMN #436 *“God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us”* .....O QUANTA QUALIA

## *Respond to God*

### WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Come to the Table Where Bread Is Broken”* ... Bunessan/Beall/Carter

### \*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 #438 *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* ..... TOPLADY

### BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“God Bless You and Keep You”* ..... Jay Althouse

*\*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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