

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."

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023 : 9:45AM

"Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you."

— *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

Assemble In God's Name

PRELUDE "*Prelude in C Major*" J. S. Bach

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*" Jack Schrader / Brian Doerksen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

People: We are the People of God!

Leader: Though we differ in many ways

People: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

People: We are One in God's Spirit!

Leader: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

People: For we are the people of Redemption!

Leader: Christ lived and died and rose again to show all peoples the depth and breadth of God's love.

People: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

***HYMN #14 "*For the Beauty of the Earth*"** DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Great God of all the nations, we confess that in our concern for ourselves we have neglected the needs of others. We confess that we have not been good stewards of your creation; we have become cynical and weary and numb to daily reports of wrongdoing and suffering. Forgive us, we pray – open our hearts to you and to one another. Renew our energy to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. For we pray in Christ's name. 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 READING.....Exodus 17:1-17 (pg. 79 OT)
NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Philippians 2:1-13 (pg. 240 NT)
SERMON “*Why Are We Here?*”..... Rev. Linda Goeddel
*HYMN “*We Are the World*” USA for Africa / M. Jackson / L. Richie

Respond to God

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*This Do in Remembrance of Me*” Judy Hunnicutt

***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..... Spoken

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

*HYMN #340 “*This Is My Song*”..... FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*I Sing Praises to Your Name*” Terry MacAlmon

**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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Andreea Fegan: Director of Music
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