

# *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 in Lent*

*February 25, 2024 @ 9:45AM*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE Voluntary #6 ..... John Stanley

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT "*Higher Ground*" ..... Johnson Oatman, Jr. and Charles H. Gabriel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: From generation to generation  
God names us and claims us.*

**All: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

*Leader: From our earliest steps, Christ guides our wayward feet.*

**All: Let all who draw breath bless the Lord.**

*Leader: From death to life, the Spirit sets us free.*

**All: Let the faithful rejoice in God's holy covenant.**

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**\*HYMN #49 "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ..... LEONI**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**God above every name, when our vision dims and we prefer human thoughts to your thoughts, heal our eyes of faith. Grace above every grace, when our suffering closes us off from the joy on the other side of suffering, grant us your strength to follow Christ in hope and promise. Wisdom of the ages, when we seek to save our lives in destructive ways, love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life. In your holy name 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 READING ..... Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (pg. 15 OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... Mark 8:31-38 (pg. 53 NT)

SERMON "*Aren't We Carrying Enough Already?*" ..... Rev. Linda Goeddel

\*HYMN "*He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*" (see insert) .. Bob Russell & Bobby Scott

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*Here I Am, Lord*" ..... Daniel L. Schutte/Jack Schrader

**\*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 #733 "*We All Are One in Mission*" ..... ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

**BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "*Fairest Lord Jesus*" .... H. A. Hoffman von Fallersleben/Richard S. Willis

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

