

# *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 in Lent*

*April 6, 2025: 9:45AM*

*Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “*Morning Has Broken*” ..... BUNESSAN

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “*Blest Are Those Who Love You*” ..... Marty Haugen

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

*Leader: A new day has dawned.*

**People: Praise God for today, for the Creative Spirit in our midst.**

*Leader: Be still and know that God is here.*

*Let the Spirit in.*

**People: We are ready to pray and reflect and rejoice.**

**We are ready to hear God’s word.**

*Leader: Amen. Let us worship God!*

**\*HYMN #667 “*When Morning Gilds the Skies*” ..... LAUDES DOMINI**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Good and gracious God, we are somewhat uneasy to come before you, for we have neglected your Word and resisted your way. Where we have made our own standards to suit momentary whims; where we have neglected the bonds of mutual care that link us with each other; forgive us we pray, and help us to hear your good news, that we may find our place in your family and set forth to share your love. In Jesus’ name.**

**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. Amen, Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

***Listen for God's Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 5:1-10, The Message

SERMON "*The Beatitudes for Lent: A Pure Thing*" Rev. E. Nicholas Van Gombos

**\*HYMN ##2155 "*Blest Are They*" (Vs. 1-3) ..... BLEST ARE THEY**

***Respond to God***

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*A Communion Psalm*" ..... John Parker

**\*THE DOXOLOGY (#607)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

***The Sacrament of Communion***

*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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**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 #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"** (vs. 1-3) ..... MARION

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "March"** ..... J. S. Bach

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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

*## Indicates song in Sing the Faith (Pew Edition).*

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