

# *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 12, 2026 @ 9:45AM*

*Whether your faith is that there is a God or that there is not a God, if you don't have any doubts, you are either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving ~ Frederick Buechner*

## *Assemble In God's Name*

PRELUDE “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!” ..... ALLELUIA NO. 1

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

INTROIT “Yours Today” ..... by Rory Cooney

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .*

**Many: come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

*One: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .*

**Many: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

*One: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .*

**Many: come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

*One: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .*

**Many: come worship a God who gives life meaning.**

*One: Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.*

**\*HYMN #401 “Here in This Place (Gather Us In)” ..... GATHER US IN**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's**

**way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*GLORIA TO GOD (#583)**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*THE PEACE**

### *Listen for God's Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... 1 Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 281 NT)

GOSPEL READING ..... John 20:19-31 (pg. 141 NT)

SERMON "*Keeping the Movement Alive*" ..... Rev. Sue Smith

**\*HYMN #734 "*Hope of the World*"** ..... DONNE SECOURS

### *Respond to God*

**WE GIVE OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "*How Beautiful*" ..... by Twila Paris

**\*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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*You are invited to raise your hand if you have a joy or concern to share aloud.*

**SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER**

## *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.**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Leader: ... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:*

**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.**

... (Unison) **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## *Go in God's Name*

**\*CONTEMPORARY HYMN "Big Yellow Taxi" (see insert) ... by Joni Mitchell**

#### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" ..... HYMN TO JOY**

*\*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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