

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 28, 2024

5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE

## APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "Jesus My Lord, My God, My All" Frederick W. Faber

Greeting: (Responsively)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**P: Amen.**

Call to Worship:

L: We will bless the Lord at all times,

**P: God's praise is always on our lips; in the Lord our souls shall make their boast.**

L: The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord with us. Together let us praise God's name.

**P: We sought the Lord and were heard, from all our terrors set free.**

L: Look toward God and be radiant; let your faces not be ashamed. When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their distress.

**P: Taste and see that the Lord is good. They are happy who seek refuge in God.**

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace, peace, and mercy be yours from God the Father, Jesus Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit always,

**P: Amen.**

\*Song of Praise "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God" R #356

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.** (Prayer of Confession Continues in Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace: Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Congregational Response: "Grace, Peace and Love" Justin Dimbeng

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-12 p. 683

Music Ministry: "Believe For It" Words & Music: Cece Winans  
Guitar playing & singing: Justin & Harmony Dimbeng

## WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 15: 30

*"Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones."*  
(NIV)

**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

Sermon: "Bringers of Joy"

Rev. Mary B. Stegink, Pastor

\*Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" R #730

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

\*Apostles' Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #965

\*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" R #859

\*Benediction

Postlude: "Be Thou My Vision" Jack Schrader

\*Indicates where those who are able may stand. Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Kindly fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the collection plate. If we can be of help, please call the church office at 201-529-3075.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH!** We are delighted you chose to worship with us this morning. We sing from two different hymnals notated by the letters "R" (the red "Lift Up Your Hearts" hymnal in the pew rack) and "G" (the green "Sing" book). Following the passing of the peace, we sing a song, "Grace, Peace and Love," which was written for our congregation by our music director, Justin Dimbeng. You can find the words on a laminated sheet in the pew rack. Children ages 3 - 8th grade are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. They are dismissed with their teacher, Marian Latz, and will return at the close of the service. Please consider joining us in the coffee room following the service for a time of fellowship and treats! Again - we are happy to have you with us this morning!

**THE CONSISTORY is grateful to Rob Bowns who offered to fill the open Deacon position. A congregational vote to affirm his nomination will be held immediately after the service on May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - will be Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the parsonage. New members are always welcome!

**WAFFLE FEST!** Will be Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall, following worship. Please join us for breakfast and great company! A sign up is on the bulletin board.

**SANCTUARY WINDOWS FUNDRAISER!** The front two windows are completed! J&R Lamb Studios, Inc. will be working on the window of the Sanctuary closest to the coffee room tomorrow! We are seeking your financial support to help offset the repair costs of the remaining windows. Simply place your donation marked "Sanctuary Windows Fundraiser" in the offering plate, drop it in the church office, or go online to [www.ramporeformedchurch.org](http://www.ramporeformedchurch.org) and make a donation through VANCO. Please give as you are able and, as always, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

**BABY BANK TEA** - The Baby Bank is a ministry that packs newborn gift packages for clients of the St. Joseph Clinic in Paterson. The Tea will be held in **Fellowship Hall** Saturday, May 11<sup>TH</sup> 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and if you are able to help please use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. For more information, please talk with Pastor Mary.

**PRAYER QUILTS** - are available for anyone who is in need or knows someone in need. Please contact Marian Latz or Rena Van Dyke.

**LOOKING AHEAD!** Men's Breakfast 5/11

*Anchored in the past – Sharing Christ's message today – Growing in faith into the future!*



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

**10:30AM**