

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH
OCTOBER 18, 2026
21ST WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude “It Is Time To Return To Jesus” J.S. Bach

Greeting: (Responsively)
L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.
P: Amen.

Call to Worship:
L: People of God, worship the living God today!
P: Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.
L: Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand.
P: Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God’s purposes. Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

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

*Opening Praise: “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” R #6

Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow in your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 p.582

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

*Sing: “Grace, Peace, and Love” Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 14: 8-20 p. 133
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Catechism Readings R #24

Children’s Prayer

Sermon “A Confident Future” Rev. Mary Stegink, Pastor

*Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” R #21

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Mission Moment: Steve Wolfe from Solid Foundation Skate Park

Offering/Ministry of Music “O Lord Jesus” Neon Adejo
Singing & Piano Acc. Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

*Doxology R #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Prayer of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn “May The Mind of Christ, My Savior R #334

*Benediction

Postlude: “Take My Life And Let It Be” Cesar Malan

*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.

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!

OCTOBER MISSION - Our mission this month is in support of “Solid Foundation Skate Park”. This local faith-based ministry, located in Franklin Lakes, helps the youth of Bergen and Passaic counties with mentoring, giving back, and of course skateboarding. Please welcome Steve Wolfe from Solid Foundation Skate Park!

CHIMES! Have you ever wanted to try your hand at ringing? There are 7 spots available to the congregation! Whether you are a seasoned musician or have never read a note of music in your life, there is a place for you. Chimes are easy to learn, fun to play, and a wonderful way to make music together. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Practice starts October 18th, 12:35pm – 12:50pm. Please see Justin for more information!

KARAOKE NIGHT! Saturday, October 24th 6:00pm. Please join your Ramapo family in song! Come and enjoy the fun even if you don't want to sing. Tacos and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to bring to friend!

HYMN SING – Sunday, October 25th at 4:00pm. Come join us for a service of Hope. We will sing, pray and enjoy special music. A reception will follow. Bring your friends!

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS! It’s that time of year to place your Christmas wreath orders. All orders need to be placed by **Friday, October 30th** for delivery the week of November 16th. See the insert for details.



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10:30AM