

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH  
JULY 26, 2026  
9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: “You Servant Of God, Your Master Proclaim” William Croft

Greeting: (Responsively)  
L: O Lord, you are my rock and my fortress.  
**P: Amen**

Call to Worship:  
L: In God, whose word we praise, in the Lord, whose word we praise—in God we trust and are not afraid.  
**P: What can mere mortals do to us? This we know: God is for us!**  
L: Our vows to you are binding, O God; we will render our thank offerings to you.  
**P: For you have delivered our feet from stumbling, so that we may walk before God in the light of life.**  
L: Praise the Lord, our shield and our hope!  
**P: Let us worship God together in joy and trust!**

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**

\*Song of Praise: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” R #44

Prayer of Confession: **Faithful God, when hardships press against us, we confess that fear often drives out our faith. We look at our troubles instead of looking to you. We focus on the things that cause us to stumble rather than the light of your presence. Forgive us for the times we doubted your goodness, forgot your promises, or let despair silence our praise. Your love is greater than our deepest struggles. Turn our hearts back to you in absolute trust. Remind us that you are always for us. Deliver our feet from stumbling so that we may walk before you in the hope and joy of your light. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Responsive Reading: Psalm 56 p. 523

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: 2 Corinthians 4:6-9, 16-18 p.180 & 181  
**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Children’s Prayer

Sermon William Golz, Elder

\*Hymn “If you But Trust in God to Guide You” R#407

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

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

Offering/Music Ministry “My God is Awesome” Charles Jenkins  
Singing & Piano Acc. Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

\*Doxology #965

\*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” R#586  
Verses 1, 2 & 5

\*Benediction

Postlude: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” David Mck Williams

\*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.

## **2026 RAMAPO CONSISTORY**

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## **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. 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!

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH** - Our friend James worked for years at a local gas station and attended our worship services with his great friend, Tom. During his time with us, our church family was able to raise an incredible amount of money to help James’ village in Kenya. We now have another opportunity to bless the Kajuka Village. James has asked for our help in rebuilding their school. The current building has a dirt floor and corrugated metal walls. It gets very hot inside that building! In addition, the children need to bring their own chairs and if they don’t own a chair, the bring a rock to sit on! They have a chalkboard but a good part of it is missing. The children use one side of an outhouse and it does not have a door. The other side of the outhouse – with the door – is for the teachers. While indoor plumbing is not currently an option, there are better options for restroom facilities. James would like to rebuild the school with cement block and have a floor poured. He would like to purchase desks and a new chalkboard. Simple things that would make a world of difference!

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** – this Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm at the Parsonage. New friends are always welcome!

**NEW YORK BOULDERS** - Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you have ordered tickets and have not yet paid, please call the church office to arrange a drop off.



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**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026**

**10:30AM**