

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH
AUGUST 16, 2026
12TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

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

Call to Worship:
L: We come to worship God in our need,
P: bringing with us the needs of the world.
L: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
P: who knows by experience what human life is like.
L: We come with our faith and with our doubts,
P: we come with our hopes and our fears.
L: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
P: and God has promised never to turn us away.

Salutation:
L: May the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.
P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: “Amid the Thronging Worshipers R #511

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience. Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.” Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems. Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us our barren lives, Lord. Lord, you said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.” We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent. Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.” In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: “Imagine” sung by Kensie Bowns

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 p. 552

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: Exodus 20: 14 p. 66
Matthew 5: 27-30 p. 5
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon “Proper Love” Rev. Mary Stegink, Pastor

*Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” R #99

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Prayer of God’s People

*Closing Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” R #256
Verses 1 and 4

*Benediction

Postlude:

*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!

AUGUST MISSION - This month’s mission will be in support of our Partners-in-Mission, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather who serve with RECONCILE (Resource Centre for Civil leadership) where they are working to bring healing to the war-torn region of the South Sudan. Our pledge for 2026 is \$1700.00.

COLORING & CRAFTS — Pastor Mary invites all fans of coloring and crafts to the manse on Friday, August 21st at 7:00pm. If you don’t have your own supplies, don’t worry, Pastor Mary has plenty! Just bring a snack to share! If you have any questions, please email or text Pastor Mary.

LOOKING AHEAD! Women’s Bible Study 8/25, Bag Sale 9/5,
Family Picnic 9/6



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

10:30AM