

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 4TH, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *One Thing Is Needful, O Lord, This One thing* J.S. Bach

Greeting: (Responsively – 3 Times)

L: He is risen!

P: He is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship: (Responsively)

L: Let us shout aloud with joy and thanksgiving, for the Lord has done wondrous things!

P: God has conquered sin and death once and for all time. Let us proclaim this good news with joyous hearts.

L: Jesus Christ is risen today!

All: Alleluia! Today we celebrate the presence of the living Christ, and we welcome in our midst the One whose life proved stronger than death. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our lives. Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised by the power of the Holy Spirit on Easter morning.

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (vv.1-3) #182

Prayer of Confession:

Amazing and life giving God, too often we hear the call to rise up from our familiar places and travel beyond our comfort zone to live in the light of our resurrected Lord. Yet too often we are simply content to receive this news and continue in our comfortable ways, our familiar routines, and our compartmentalized lives. We want to push you away into what feels like safer places where the challenge for our life is less clear. Forgive us at other times when our search for you becomes a process or empty ritual, rather than a true openness to your presence. May we, with the urging of your Holy Spirit, rise up as the people of God to witness not only to the truth of the resurrection, but to lives of depth and discipleship. Amen.

(Prayer of Confession continues in silence)

Words of Assurance

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: “Christ and Immortality” (see insert)

Music Ministry: “Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!” Duet by: Justin Dimbeng & Pastor Bill

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-10 p.652
Luke 24:1-12 p.90
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” #199

Sermon: “What Does God Know That We Don’t Know?”
Rev. William F. Grob, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “The Day of Resurrection” (see insert)

*Benediction

Postlude *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* Sullivan

*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall 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.

Grace, Peace and Love

Grace Peace and Love my sister
in the name of God.

Grace Peace and Love my brother
in the name of God.

Grace Peace and Love with all of
you who are in this place.

Together all gathered,
Let us praise the Lord.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

Amen.



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