

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes* Marcus M. Wells

Greeting:

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: Let us gather together and seek to worship the Lord who is near to us this morning in God's house.

**P For the risen Christ is faithful and brings us gifts of hope and joy.**

L: Even when we have doubts, Jesus invites us to always partake in the new life of God's bringing.

**All: Grant us your peace as we worship this day, loving God. May we walk in the newness of life each and every day as we gather to thank you for all that you have given us through Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!**

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has fulfilled the promise of Messiah through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

\*Songs of Praise: "Our God Reigns" (see insert)  
"Bind Us Together"

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, we are sometimes frightened by the thought that you are really among us, more than an ideal, and that our faith might require discipleship. We are challenged by the thought that without our efforts some might be lost, that there might be a calling waiting for us, and that there might be something more to this life of faith than we are prepared to receive. We want things to remain simple and not be too demanding on our time and busy schedule. We doubt if we are strong enough for the journey, brave enough for the times of trial, and even up to the joys of the kingdom without a lot of help. Yet it is your strength, not our own, which gives us courage and draws us together. Forgive us, gracious God, and in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us mercy so that we may live out the life you would have us lead. 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: Psalm 4 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "Redeemer Have Mercy On Us" D.D. Eyango  
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

## WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Acts 6:1 – 7:2a, 44-60 p.123  
1 John 3:1-7 p.240  
**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

\*Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" #17

Sermon: "How to Win Friends and Influence People for God"  
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: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (vv.1-4) #193

\*Benediction

Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* John Hatton

\*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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10:30AM