

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 19TH, 2020
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Kirkpatrick

Greeting:

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship: (Responsively)

L: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Now Easter continues and Christ's work goes on. Every morning is Easter morning as Christ continues to bring new life.

L: Jesus said wherever two or more are gathered in his name, there he will be, in the midst of them.

All: Jesus is here with us now, and we have gathered this day to celebrate the renewal of life in the joy of Easter. May the resurrection of Jesus Christ inspire us to work worthily for the kingdom of heaven while here on earth. Let us worship God!

Prayer

Salutation:

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

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: "We Will Extol You God and King" #562

Prayer of Confession:

We long to love you, O God, with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. But our lives are cluttered, and we are busy, distracted, anxious, and tired. We want to trust in you above all things, but our doubts betray us. You know our sincere intentions, and you know our failures far better than we ourselves. Let us help and not hurt. Let us forgive and not hate. Let us walk together and not apart. Let us be gentle and not quick to condemn. Let us hope and not be hopeless. Let us be caring and not uncaring. Let us be Christ-filled and not worldly guided. Forgive us, O God, for the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do. Restore us to you and to one another that we may start anew. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16 p.495

Music Ministry: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Performed by: Jordan & Alethea Wilhelm
Acc. by: Tammy Lum

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Acts 1:1-14 p.118
1 Peter 1:3-9 p.236
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" (vv.1,2,3) #185

Sermon: "Now What?"
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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" (see Insert)

*Benediction

Postlude *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* English Melody

*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.