

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024

4TH WEEK IN EASTERTIDE

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "Grace, Grace" D.D. Eyango

Greeting: (Responsively)

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

P: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

L: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

P: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace, peace, and mercy be yours from God the Father, Jesus Christ, his Son, and the Holy Spirit always,

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise "Gather Us In" R #529
Verses 1, 2, 4

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (Prayer of Confession Continues in Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

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 27 p. 503

Music Ministry: "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

Words: Arlo Duba
Music: Hal. H. Hopson
Ramapo Reformed Church Choir

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 13: 17-22 p. 60
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon: "To Light the Way" Rev. Mary B. Stegink, Pastor

*Hymn: "The Lord is My Light" R #431

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: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" R #953

*Benediction

Postlude: "Be Thou My Vision" Jack Schrader

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Children ages 3 - 8th grade are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. They are dismissed with their teacher, Marian Latz, and will return at the close of the service. 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!

THE CONSISTORY is delighted to welcome Marilyn Hu as a full member!

THE CONSISTORY is grateful to Rob Bowns who offered to fill the open Deacon position. A congregational vote to affirm his nomination will be held immediately after the service on May 5th!

APRIL MISSION –Today is Mission Sunday! Our mission emphasis is in support of two wonderful causes. The Hope Center in Toms River – helping those in need with food, clothing, and utilities. In addition, Dina's Dwellings in New Brunswick - sheltering women who have experienced domestic violence.

COLORING & CRAFTS - Pastor Mary invites all fans of coloring and crafts to the Manse on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm. If you don't have your own supplies, Pastor Mary has plenty! Just bring a snack to share. If you have any questions, send Pastor Mary an email or text.

SANCTUARY WINDOWS FUNDRAISER! The front two windows are completed! J&R Lamb Studios, Inc. will be working on the window of the Sanctuary closest to the coffee room in two weeks! We are seeking your financial support to help offset the repair costs. Simply place your donation marked "Sanctuary Windows Fundraiser" in the offering plate, drop it in the church office, or go online to www.ramporeformedchurch.org and make a donation through VANCO. Please give as you are able and, as always, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

PRAYER QUILTS - are available for anyone who is in need or knows someone in need. Please contact Marian Latz or Rena Van Dyke.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY - We are planning for a Cemetery clean-up day on Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Questions - see Alan Mann.

RESPONSIVE READERS & GREETERS - If you are interested in being a responsive reader or a greeter (or would like to know more about what is involved), please see Pastor Mary or call the church office. Our next schedule of readers and greeters will begin in May. If you would like to come off the schedule, please let us know this as well.

LOOKING AHEAD! Women's Bible Study 4/30, Waffle Fest 5/4

Anchored in the past – Sharing Christ's message today – Growing in faith into the future!



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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

10:30AM