

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

AUGUST 8TH, 2021

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther

Greeting: (Responsively)

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 34)

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. In faith, let us receive this gift from God that is offered and made real to us through the person of Jesus Christ and the witness of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who sent us a gift of love made real through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #825

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful Savior, you are our Redeemer and Sustainer, the one in whom we find forgiveness and grace. Yet we confess that too often we look elsewhere for that which will sustain us. We trust the security of intellect or jobs or relationships rather than the security of your unfailing love. We invest our time and energy in building up ourselves rather than in pursuing the priorities of your kingdom. Help us to yearn for justice, seek an end to poverty and violence, and work toward caring for the disadvantaged and marginalized. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the hearts and minds to perceive the needs of this world as you see them. Lift our gaze beyond ourselves to the cares of our neighbors. Empower us to love freely, forgive boldly, and believe without reservation. Because of Jesus 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

Congregational Response: "Grace, Peace and Love" Justin Dimbeng

Music Ministry: "Heavenly God" Dr. Jephthe Mbangue Lobe
Piano Solo: Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Mark 5:21-24 p.39

(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #521

Sermon: "A Touch of Wholeness" Rev. Anna Jackson, Guest 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #348

*Benediction

Postlude: *O Worship the King* Johann Michael Haydn
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

*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 be with all of
you who are in this place.

Together all gathered,
Let us praise the Lord.

We welcome the Reverend Anna Jackson this morning!

Rev. Anna Melissa Jackson is a native New Yorker and the eldest child of immigrant parents who came to the U.S. from the Republic of Panama. She has had a variety of work experiences before going into ministry. She was a bookkeeper in her father's accounting firm, a legislative aide in the New York State Assembly, and a vice president in the derivatives division of an investment bank. She is an avid reader, loves jigsaw puzzles, needlepointing and playing her cello.

Pastor Anna was raised, confirmed and ordained at New Lots Reformed Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. She has served the Reformed Church in America (RCA) on commissions, tasks forces, and the General Synod Council. She also served on the Board of Trustees of New Brunswick Seminary and on the General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. After graduating from New Brunswick Seminary in 2000, Pastor Anna was ordained and served as the pastor of Queens Reformed Church in Queens, N.Y. for seventeen years. Since 2017, she and her husband, Rev. Dwayne Jackson, have been serving as co-pastors of Second Reformed Church of Hackensack. Together they hope that their life's work will awaken all to the presence of God, the hope of Jesus Christ and a life in which loving God and loving our neighbors are lived, celebrated and taught.



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