

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West* Alexander R. Reinagle

Greeting: (Responsively)

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

**People: Amen.**

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 40)

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

**P: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary, and whose understanding is unsearchable.**

L: Even so, let us as the people of God, approach the Lord for this time of worship.

**All: For those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. Even so, as the people of God, let us worship the Lord!**

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who heals the brokenhearted, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: Amen.**

\*Songs of Praise: "God Will Make a Way" (see insert)

"Ah, Lord God"

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, you have given us an example in Jesus who, even in the midst of the great work of the kingdom, took time for prayer and restoration. Why then when we are pressed for time, do we give up our conversation with you? Even though none of us can manufacture even a moment, yet we act as if all time were ours. We cry aloud if time slips away too quickly and fume if time passes too slowly. We ought to give you thanks and praise for the present moment, which is all we have, yet we grow frustrated that we seem to have less than ever. Challenge us to carve out time for you first and to let everything fall into its proper place. May we grow to trust you that our weariness may lift and that your joy will fill our hearts. These things we pray to you, who is the true Lord of life, love, and time. 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 147 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "Home to Heaven" D. D. Eyango

## WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 40:21-31 p.668

Luke 7:1-17 p.65

**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

\*Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vv.1,5,6) #863

Sermon: "The Story of Our Faith" 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: "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" #353

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Take My Life and Let It Be* Cesar Malan  
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

\*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

## 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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