

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Rowland H. Prichard

Greeting:

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: Let us journey together these forty days in faith, for God is calling us forward to a new creation.

P: We are called forth into a future filled with expectancy and hope as well as trial and sacrifice.

L: As we venture forward during these Lenten days, let us leave behind that in the world which would hinder our walk with God.

All: In truth that never wavers, in love that never ends, in life that is never defeated, the saving power of God will bring us safely through. As sojourners in faith, let us walk together knowing that God goes with us and God is here now.

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who calls us to walk in faith toward the promise found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

*Songs of Praise: "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" (see insert)
"Behold the Lamb"

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we are tempted by the material world that surrounds us. Surely it is good for us to care for ourselves and our families, but we have placed too much of our trust in possessions and the structures of our economy. We confess our misplaced faith and pray you will help us reorder not only our thinking but also the desires of our hearts and minds. May we, with your will, break the chains that bind us to false dreams that will ultimately let us down. May we, with your will, again see all of creation and all of the created as equally loved by you, and as our partners, not competitors, in your grand design. These things we pray in your holy name. 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 25:1-10 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "You Love Me" D. D. Eyango
Piano Solo – Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Luke 9:51-62; 10:25-37 p.70
1 Peter 3:18-22 p.234
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "As He Gathered at His Table" (vv.1,3,4,7) #155

Sermon: "For the Love of God" Rev. William F. Grob, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

*Apostles' Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #965

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament (responsively – see insert)

Communion Prayer

Communion Hymn: "We Remember You" (see insert)

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion & Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" #859

*Benediction

Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Melody
Arr. by Jack Schrader
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

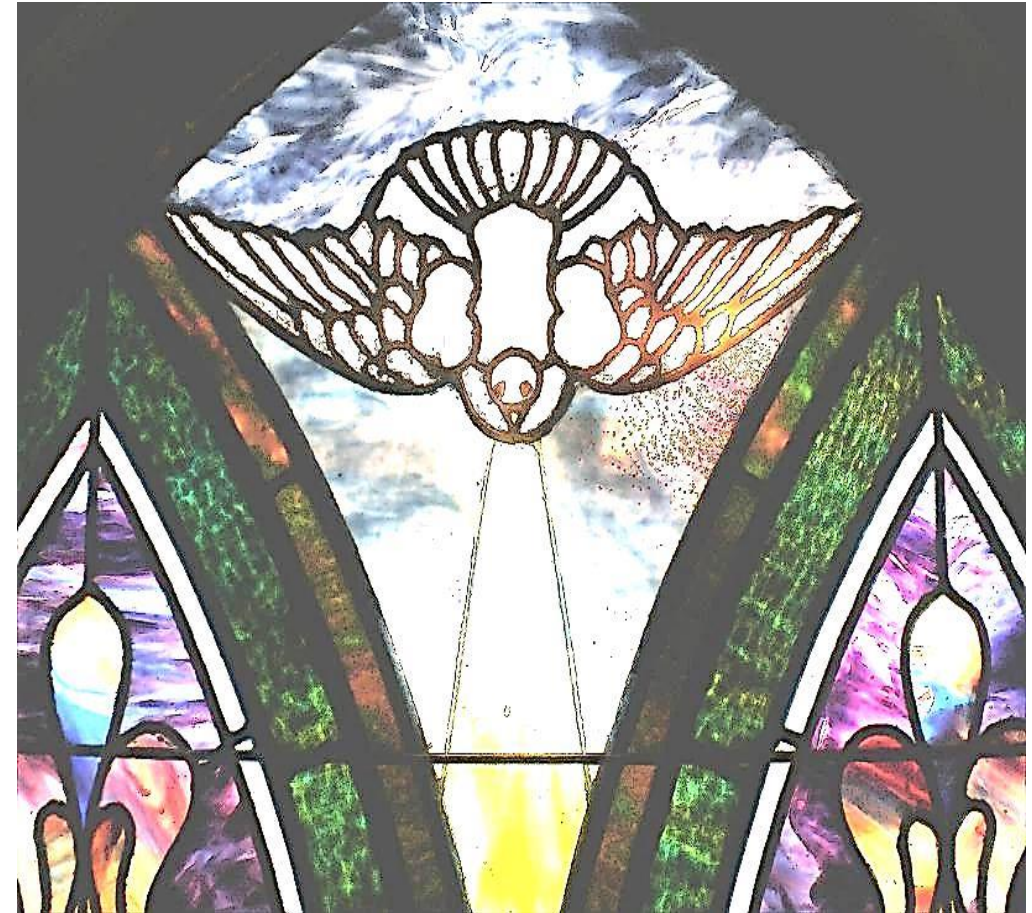
*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

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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