

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

JULY 25TH, 2021

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: *Let Me Weep My Cruel Fate* G.F. Handel

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 90)

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were made, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

L: Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

All: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands. May God grant us wisdom as we worship this day. Let us worship God!

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has given us a place of rest through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

*Songs of Praise: "To Thee We Ascribe Glory" (see insert)
"You Have Been Good"

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, too many times we are complacent with who we are and do not seek to become what you know we should be. Even so, we bring the confessions of our shortcomings and failings this day. We trust that your grace will never fail us and that your mercy is always found when we dare to be honest with you. Hold our lives open to your love, for when we refuse to receive even small things from you, we miss the message of your grace. When we wait for something grander, when we turn away from a subtle touch from you because we desire that all our needs be met, forgive our lack of faith. When we hold back acts of kindness because we fear they may not be enough or do nothing to bring in a just world because we cannot see the fruits of what we do, help our limited sight into the workings of your kingdom and restore us to your truth. This we ask and pray in Jesus' 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 150:1-6; 131:1-3 (see insert)

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

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: John 11:1-16 p.104
Mark 16:1-8 p.54
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" #553

Sermon: "These Are a Few of My Favorite NT Things"
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: "Be Thou My Vision" #859

*Benediction

Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Jack Schrader

*Indicates where those who are able may stand. Please join us after the service in the Memorial Garden for a light luncheon as we bid Pastor Bill and Debbie Godspeed heading into retirement.

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.

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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