

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

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

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life* J.S. Irvine

Greeting:

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 19)

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork!

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge! Let us learn of the wonders that the Lord has done.**

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**All: As we gather, may we with humble hearts open ourselves to the wonder of the Lord around us. Let our voices be joined together to proclaim the glory, beauty, and majesty of the Lord. Let us worship God!**

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who calls us to discipleship through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

\*Songs of Praise: "Lamb of God" (see insert)  
"I Love You, Lord"

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, forgive us when we have insisted upon our own way and have disregarded your signs in our lives. For who are we to decide what is wise when the wisdom in your Word and through the example of your saints speak volumes. Nevertheless, we have chosen the wisdom of this world, for we think and feel it makes more sense over the cross that you have set on our path. We confess our hardness of heart and pray now that you will challenge us with the blessing of your Spirit to see the world with your eyes, to hear the Word with your ears, and to consider the commandments you have written on our hearts. For this we ask and pray in the strong name of Jesus. 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 19 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "Precious Friend" Paul Lembe  
Piano Solo by: Justin Dimbeng

## WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Luke 15:1-32 p.78  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 p.166  
**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

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

Sermon: "Prodigal Love" 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

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #167

\*Benediction

Postlude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Frederick C. Maker

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

Together all gathered,  
Let us praise the Lord.

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

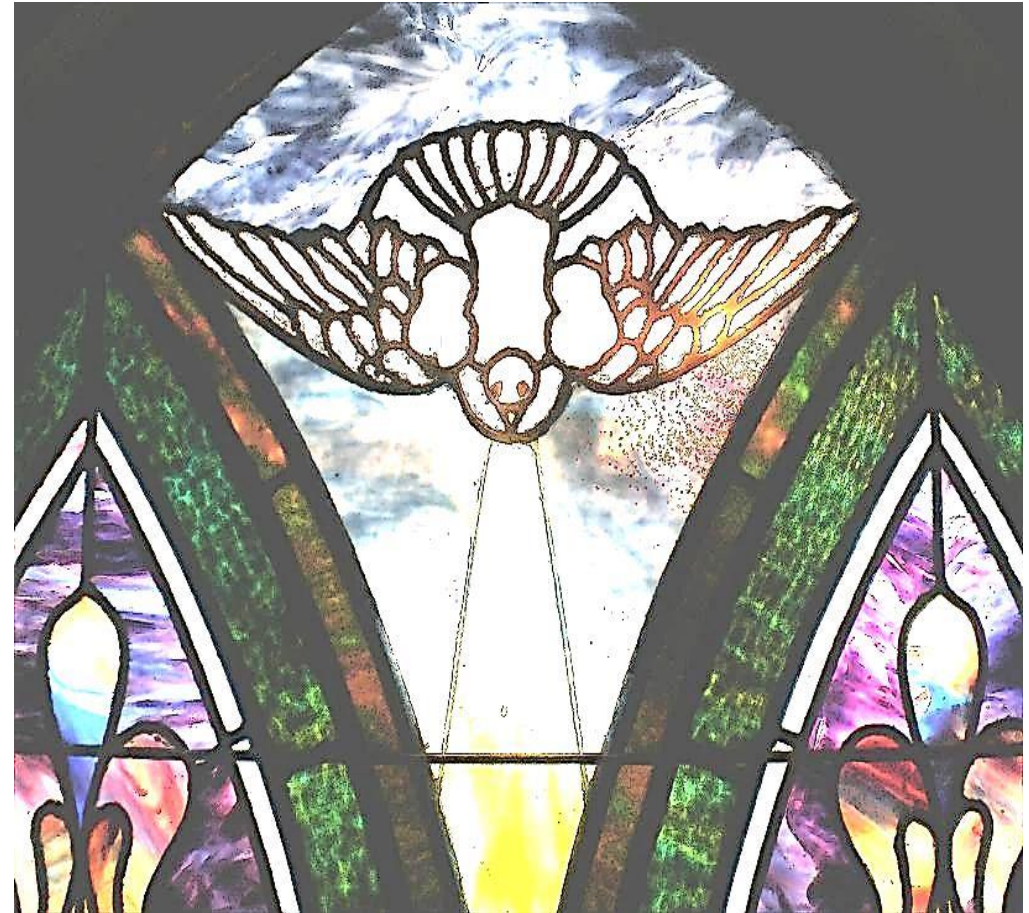
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;

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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