

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* arr. by Jerry Ray

Greeting:

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

**P: Amen.**

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 67)

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**P: Let the people praise the Lord. Let all the peoples praise the God of our salvation.**

L: May God's ways be known upon the earth and God's saving power among all nations.

**All: Let all the nations be glad and sing for joy, for the Lord judges the people with equity. May God continue to bless us and may all the ends of the earth revere the Lord. For we gather now to worship God in thankfulness and joy.**

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who judges the people with equity through our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**P: Amen.**

\*Song of Praise: "Before the Throne of God Above" #682

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, we have failed to obey your instructions and will for our lives. We are haunted by Jesus' words, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We know we have not followed them as well as we could or should. Even with our love for you, we easily succumb to the worldly idea that love is only a matter of warm feelings inside instead of the self-giving love you have shown us in abundance. Forgive us, dear God, for our shallow thinking, for our being so self-absorbed that we seek our own gratification over our love for you and your work here on earth. Draw us beyond ourselves to see your great glory revealed in the love of Jesus, in whose name we ask and 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.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 66:8-20 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "He Is Exalted" Twila Paris  
Performed by: Jordan & Alethea Wilhelm  
Acc. by: Tammy Lum

## WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Acts 17:22-31 p.137  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p.175  
**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

\*Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" #219

Sermon: "Write It On the Ice"  
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: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" #199

\*Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Darwall/Sprunger

\*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.



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10:30AM