

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

MAY 15, 2022

5TH WEEK IN EASTERTIDE

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: *Death on Honor's Field* Justin Dimbeng

Greeting: (Responsively)

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

P: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: This is the day that you have made, Lord.

P: Help us rejoice in it and be glad!

L: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**P: to come to you in these moments,
To confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it,
To pray and sing and listen,
To renew our fainting spirits,
To rest in all your promises.**

L: Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

P: Open our ears to hear your Word.

L: Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

P: and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace, peace, and mercy be yours from God the Father, Jesus Christ, his Son, and the Holy Spirit always,

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise "Amid the Thronging Worshipers" #511

Prayer of Confession:

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. 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 130 p.573

Music Ministry: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Gregg DeMey
Piano & Singing: Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Philemon p.215
(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon: "Hero Support II: The Fine Art of Forgiveness " Rev. Mary B. Stegink, Interim Pastor

*Hymn: "And Can It Be" (vv.1,3,4) #695

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: "God of Mercy, God of Grace" #934

*Benediction

Postlude: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* William B. Bradbury

*Indicates where those who are able may stand. Please join us after the service 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 be with all of
you who are in this place.**

**Together all gathered,
Let us praise the Lord.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP – will gather today, following worship, in the Fellowship Hall.

CANDIDACY SERVICE – Please join us on May 22nd as lead pastoral candidate, Rev. Mary Stegink, presents her Candidating Service to the Ramapo Reformed Church Congregation. A Q&A session with Pastor Mary will follow the service, followed by a brief Congregational Meeting.

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY – will also be on May 22nd, following worship. There is a lot to do, as we spruce up the church, parsonage, and surrounding areas - inside and outside! Please wear old clothes and bring a bagged lunch. Volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions see Jim Shields.

MISSION SUNDAY – Our Mission collection for May will be in support of the Global Initiatives Foundation. Our friend, Morris Ruddick, is founder of this international ministry helping people learn the fundamentals of business from a biblical perspective. Please see the bulletin insert with an update from Morris. Mission Sunday is May 22nd.

CLOTHING CLOSET – is open each Wednesday from 9:30am – noon. Our next Bag Sale is on Saturday, June 4th (9:30 am-12:00 pm). All are welcome!

CEMETERY WORKDAY – We are planning for a Cemetery Workday on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 am. In addition to providing some needed TLC to the grounds, we will be collecting/disposing of Easter/Mother's Day flowers, cleaning out the cemetery garage, and moving cemetery tools from the Manse garage across the street. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Questions, see Alan Mann.

COMMUNION – On Sunday, June 12th we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A Deacon's Fund offering will also be taken.

Anchored in the past – Sharing Christ's message today – Growing in faith into the future!



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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

10:30AM

511 Amid the Thronging Worshipers

PSALM 22

C Am G C G

1 A - mid the throng-ing wor-ship-ers the Lord, our God, I bless;
2 The bur-den of the sor-row-ful the Lord will not de-spise;
3 He feeds with good the hum-ble soul and sat-is-fies the meek,

C Am G C F C/G G C

be-fore his peo-ple gath-ered here his name will I con-fess.
he has not turned from those who mourn, he lis-tens to their cries.
and they shall live and praise the Lord who for his mer-cy seek.

F C G C Am G/D D7 G

Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord, the chil-dren of his grace;
His good-ness makes me join the throng where saints his praise pro-claim.
The ends of all the earth will hear, the na-tions seek the Lord;

C F/C C F C/G G C

with rev-erence sound his glo-ries forth and bow be-fore his face.
and there will I ful-fill my vows with those who fear his name.
they wor-ship him, the King of kings, in earth and heaven a-dored.

For other settings of Ps. 22 see 164, 165, 594

Words: Psalter, 1912, P.D.

Music (BOVINA 8.6.8.6 D): Laura A. Tate, 1912, P.D.

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And Can It Be

G Am/C D7 G Am/C D G

1 And can it be that I should gain an in-terest in the
2 He left his Fa-ther's throne a-bove—so free, so in-fi-
3 Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay fast bound in sin and
4 No con-dem-na-tion now I dread, for Christ, and all in

D/A A7 D G D G D

Sav-lor's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain—for
nite his grace—emp-tied him-self of all but love, and
na-ture's night. Your sun-rise turned that night to day; I
him, is mine! A-live in him, my liv-ing Head, and

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738, alt., P.D.

Music (SAGINA 8.8.8.8 D): Thomas Campbell, 1825, P.D.

C G G/D D7 G D G

me, who caused his bit - ter death? A - maz - ing love! How
bled for Ad - am's help - less race! What mer - cy this, im -
woke the dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off, your
clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach the e -

C A D G C D G

can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?
mense and free, for, O my God, it found out me!
voice I knew; I rose, went out, and fol - lowed you.
ter - nal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain

D D7

A - maz - ing love! How can it
A - maz - ing love! How

G C G Am G/D D7 G

be that you, my Lord, should die for me?
can it be that you, my Lord,

God of Mercy, God of Grace

PSALM 67

G C G C G D G

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of your face.
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; be by all that live a - dored.
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits af - ford.

C G C G D G

Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine; fill your world with light di - vine;
Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry to their gra - cious King;
Un - to us your bless - ing give; we to you de - vot - ed live,

D G C G D G

all your sav - ing health ex - tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
at your feet their trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.
all be - low and all a - bove, one in joy and light and love.

Optional blessing (Num. 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
Alleluia! Amen.