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"

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)

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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.

Lord's Supper. A Deacon's Fund offering will also be taken.

COMMUNION - On Sunday, June 12th we will be celebrating the sacrament of the



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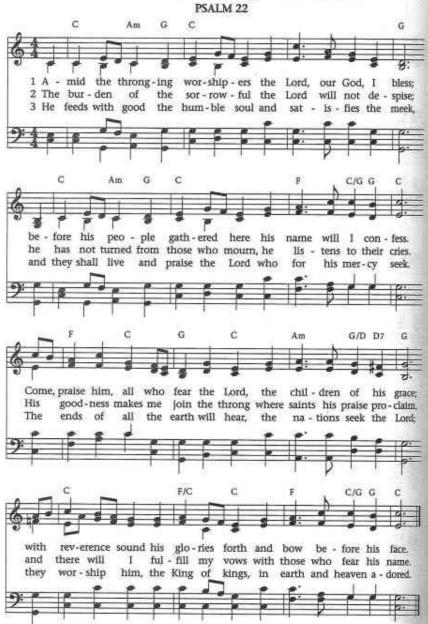
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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 10:30AM

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

OPENING OF WORSHIP

511 Amid the Thronging Worshipers



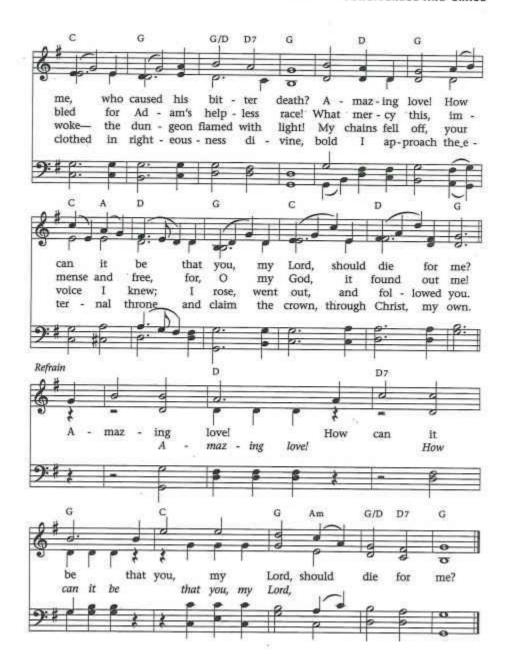
For other settings of Ps. 22 see 164, 165, 594 Words: Psalter, 1912, P.D. Music (BOVINA 8.6.8.6 D): Laura A. Tate, 1912, P.D.

And Can It Be 695 Am/C D Am/C D7 1 And can it be that I should gain an in - terest left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove- so free, in - fi -3 Long my im-pris-oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and dread, for Christ, and all in 4 No con-dem - na - tion now I D/A A7 pain-for who caused his Say - ior's blood? Died he for but love, and grace- emp - tied him - self nite his that night to day; I na - ture's night. Your sun - rise turned liv - ing Head, and minel A - live in him, my him, is

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

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

FORGIVENESS AND GRACE



SENT OUT

934 God of Mercy, God of Grace PSALM 67



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. Alleluial Amen.