

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: *I Thank Thee, Dear Lord*, BMV348 J.S. Bach
Arr by: Albert Riemenschneider
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

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 105)
L: O Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name. Sing praises to God and tell of God's wonderful works.
P: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
L: Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.
All: We are here to sing and give God our glory and praise. Our God is so good that we are able to open up to our heart's desire and not fear rejection. Our God is so great that we know there is nothing that can separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ in whose name we have gathered to worship.

Prayer

Salutation:
L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has kept us close in safety through our Lord Jesus Christ.
P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: "We Will Extol You God and King" #562

Prayer of Confession:
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. You see us for who we are, O God, and our efforts to keep you at arm's length are fruitless. Hear us as we pray and speak to us. Fill our empty spaces with trust and cast out that which is evil inside. All we can hope for is that you will maintain the bonds of this true friendship you have given us. We ask for your love and pray you will stay close to us. In Jesus' 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 145 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel S. Wesley
Flute Solo: Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 15:1-6 p.12
Philippians 1:21-30 p.196
(Response: Thanks are to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (vv.1,2,6) #863

Sermon: "The Big Dipper"
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: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #572

*Benediction

Postlude: *Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain* Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Roentgen
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

*Indicates where those who are able may stand



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10:30AM