

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH
AUGUST 3RD, 2025
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: “O Jesus, Your Love Is Needful” J.S. Bach

Greeting: (Responsively)
L: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
P: Amen.

Call to Worship:
L: Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.
P: We have come to listen to you, to seek you, to worship you.
L: You are the beginning of all things, the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.
P: In you we become; in you we live.
L: Loving God, you are here and everywhere, around us and within us; you know our inner most thoughts.
P: In you we hope; in you we live.
L: You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond our understanding.
P: In you we are still; in you we live.
L: Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.
P: Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.

Prayer

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

Song of Praise: “Be Still, for the Presence” R #532

Prayer of Confession: **God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace: Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you

*Sing: “Grace, Peace, and Love” Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Sung Prayer for Illumination “Spirit of the Living God” R #749

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2: 1-11 p. 197

(Response: Thanks be to God!)

Message for Children

Sermon: “Love Is: Selfless” Pastor Mary B. Stegink

*Hymn: “See My Hands and Feet” R #929
(tune R #928)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

*Apostles’ Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Music Ministry: “I Speak Jesus” Words & Music: Charity Gayle
Singing & Piano Acc.: Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “We Receive Your Blessing” R #947

*Benediction

Postlude: “Rock O My Soul” Afro American Spiritual Song

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH! We are delighted you chose to worship with us this morning. We sing from two different hymnals notated by the letters "R" (the red "Lift Up Your Hearts" hymnal in the pew rack) and "G" (the green "Sing" book). Following the passing of the peace, we sing a song, "Grace, Peace and Love," which was written for our congregation by our music director, Justin Dimbeng. You can find the words on a laminated sheet in the pew rack. Please consider joining us in the coffee room following the service for a time of fellowship and treats! Again - we are happy to have you with us this morning!

AUGUST MISSION - This month's mission will be in support of our Partners-in-Mission, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather who serve with RECONCILE (Resource Centre for Civil leadership) where they are working to bring healing to the war-torn region of the South Sudan. Our pledge for 2025 is \$1700.00.

WORSHIP & NURTURE MEETING — will be this Wednesday, August 6th at 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — Please join us for good company and food at IHOP, this Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 a.m.

PRAYER QUILTS - are available for anyone who is in need or knows someone in need. Please contact Marian Latz or Rena Van Dyke.

LOOKING AHEAD! —Consistory Meeting 8/12, Women's Bible Study, Mahwah Day 9/20



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10:30AM

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