

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026

FIRST WEEK IN EASTERTIDE

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation" Henri Purcell

Greeting: (Responsively)

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

**P: Amen.**

Call to Worship:

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**P: his love endures forever.**

L: In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**P: his love endures forever.**

L: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;

**P: his love endures forever.**

L: We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**P: his love endures forever.**

L: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**P: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

**P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Salutation:

L: May the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

**P: Amen.**

\*Song of Praise: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" R #205  
Verses 1-3

Prayer of Confession: **Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit when we are prisoners of ourselves.**

Words of Assurance: *To all and to each, on his community of friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

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

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 13-35 p. 90

**(Response: Thanks be to God!)**

Message for Children

Sermon: "On the Journey" Pastor Mary Stegink

\*Hymn "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger" R #207

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

\*Apostles' Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper insert

Communion Hymn "Behold The Lamb" R #840

Offering/Music Ministry: "I'm Going On A Journey" Music Edward V. Bonnemere  
Words: Kenneth D. Larkin  
Singing & Piano Acc.: Harmony & Justin Dimbeng

\*Doxology #965

\*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" R #938

\*Benediction

Postlude: "For All The Saints" Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*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. Children ages 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday school following the Children's Message. They are dismissed with their teacher, Marian Latz, and will return at the close of the service. 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!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Will meet this Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the parsonage. New friends are always welcome!

**CONSISTORY MEETING** – Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**APRIL MISSION** – This month our mission emphasis will be in support of two wonderful causes. The Hope Center in Toms River – helping those in need with food, clothing, and utilities. In addition, Dina's Dwellings in New Brunswick - sheltering women who have experienced domestic violence.

**KARAOKE NIGHT!** – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Please join your Ramapo family in song! Come and enjoy the fun even if you don't want to sing. Pizza and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin. Feel free to bring friends!

**BABY BUNDLE LUNCHEON** - The Baby Bundle is a ministry that packs newborn gift packages for clients of the St. Joseph Clinic in Paterson. The luncheon will be held in **Fellowship Hall** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. **Donations of DIAPERS and/or BABY WIPES (size 1), are needed!** They can be brought to worship or dropped off in the office. If you are able to help, please use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. For more information, please talk with Pastor Mary.

**NOISY CHANGE OFFERING** – will take place on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for Baby Bundles.

**LOOKING AHEAD!** Hymn Sing 5/31



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

**10:30AM**