

# RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

## APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: "O You, Pilgrim In The Wilderness" D.D. Eyango

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

Call to Worship:  
L: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.  
**P: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**  
L: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.  
**P: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**  
L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
**P: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

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: "We Are People on a Journey" R #142  
Verses 1,2,4

Prayer of Confession: ***If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.***

***Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Words of Assurance:

Responsive Reading: Joining the Mission of God R #263

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 9: 1-6 p.69  
**(Response: Thanks are to God!)**

Message for Children

Sermon: "What He Said: Go!"  
Rev. Mary Stegink, Pastor

\*Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" R #754

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Apostles' Creed

Offertory/Music Ministry "Wonderful" A.A. Ackley  
Singing & Piano Playing: Robert Adler & Justin Dimbeng

\*Doxology #965

\*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross" R #264  
Verses 1,5,7

\*Benediction

Postlude: "Holy God" J.S. Bach

\*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 - 8th 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!

**MISSION SUNDAY** – Today is our Mission Sunday offering and our gifts will go to bless Metro Hope New Jersey. Metro Hope NJ brings the gospel to children in impoverished communities through sidewalk Sunday Schools.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - will take place Tuesday, March 18, 1:00p.m. at the Parsonage. All are welcome!

**PIZZA & GAME NIGHT!** - We will be hosting a Pizza and Game Night at the Friends to Friends Church in Ridgewood on **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** **The address of Friends to Friends is 303 Prospect Street, Ridgewood, NJ. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!**

**LOVE OFFERING** - On Sunday, March 30, we are going to have a love offering for Justin and Harmony. This money will be used to help with the expenses of bringing their four children to the United States. This offering will be in addition to our regular offering.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – If you would like to help decorate the church sanctuary for Easter, by ordering a tulip or daffodil plant to honor or commemorate loved ones, please use the bulletin insert. Please place your order by **Wednesday, April 11th.**

**BIBLE OFFERING** - James and Tom are collecting gently used Bibles for James' village. We had the great privilege of helping them get actual water. Now we have the opportunity to bless them with the Living Water that is Christ! **On Sunday, April 27, we will have a for James' village in Kenya. Please bring your Bible donations on that Sunday. If you don't have a Bible to donate, we will also hold a second monetary offering to help offset the cost of shipping the Bibles to Kenya.**

The Consistory has been working on a Dog Policy for our congregation. A printed copy is available in the Counting Room if you are interested.

**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!** –Cemetery Meeting 3/26, Coloring & Crafts 3/28, Wafflefest 4/6, Easter Egg Hunt 4/20, Book Sale 5/16



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