

P O M P T O N R E F O R M E D C H U R C H

*A Community where all experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 30, 2015

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD ...

Prelude

Gathering # 193 {Green} (vs.1-2, English) *When We Are Living*

Prayer/Call to Worship

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. .

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***Hymn # 669 (Blue)**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we recall our first wonder and delight in coming to know You. Wherever that first love has cooled or faded, or settled into mere habit, then Lord, we ask your forgiveness. Stir within us the embers of your presence, that our words and actions, our very life, would reflect the nature of your Son, our Savior; it is in his holy name that we bring this prayer before you...(a time of silence is kept)

(sung) You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord." (repeat, and end with, "I will trust in you.")

Words of Assurance and God's Way of Living

Sacrament of Baptism Nicholas Scholts

Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love and, may we always be to you as God would have us be, a family always there, to be strong and to lean on. (Repeat)

***The Apostles Creed -- I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy**

Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo *Lynn Scarmazzo*

***Doxology and Offertory Prayer** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Genesis 18:23-32

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Luke 11:1-4

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"A Church on Our Knees"

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD...

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*** Hymn # 277 {Green}** *Servant Song*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leadership

Preacher:	Rev. Thomas Bartha
Liturgist:	Richard Pierce
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Director:	Janine Maletsky

Ushers/Welcoming Team: Captain Elaine Peacock; Karen Huysers; Barbara Buckman, George Buckman, Tommy Iraggi, Mary Bartha

Upcoming Worship and More

September launches a fresh message series around Jacob, one of the more interesting characters you'll meet in the pages of God's Word. See how God worked in the life of this unscrupulous con artist in unique ways. Imagine what God will yet accomplish through you! September has plenty going on, as a new season for PRC revs into gear. Find a spot to invest yourself and grow!

- Sept. 6 Jacob message series: Genesis 25:19-34 *Not a Pretty Story*
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Pompton Day along Lakeside Ave.
- Sept. 13 Jacob message series: Genesis 28:10-22 *A Schemer's Dream*
Costa Rica Mission Trip presentation -- part 2
Christian Education Team commissioning//Sunday School classes begin
- Sept. 20 Jacob message series: Genesis 32:22-32 *Limping to Victory*
Healing Service
Church Community-wide Picnic follows worship
- Sept. 27 Pulpit exchange, with Rev. Debbie Rundecker from Hasbrouck Heights,
and Rev. Bartha exchanging pulpits for the morning
Family Promise guests arrive for the week

Genesis 18:23-32

(NRSV)

²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Luke 11:1-4

(NRSV)

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."