

## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

*Our Mission:*

*A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ*

### **World Communion Sunday**

**October 2, 2016**

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**10:00 a.m.**

### **... THE APPROACH TO GOD...**

**Prelude**

**Prayer**

**Gathering Music** (insert)

*Freely, Freely*

### **Call to Worship**

On World Communion Sunday we come in gratitude

- for the privilege to grow in awareness of God's call to us,
- through noticing the spiritual insights of Christians of many lands and cultures.
- for the privilege to invest in development of souls around the globe.

### **On this World Communion Sunday, we come to learn**

We come to learn what it means to be the very presence of Christ in the world today

- as a community of faith called to represent Christ.
- as individuals placed uniquely in our world to convey Christ's renewing love and call to purposeful living.

### **On this World Communion Sunday, we come to visualize our vocation:**

- to our diversity of friends.
- to our associates in business here and abroad
- to government leaders whom we influence.
- and to a world of people God seeks to love through us.

We shall meditate in worship on how God may inspire us to be vital partners in the body of Christ, and be effective in being the presence of Christ in the world.

**\*Hymn # 697 (Blue)**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

**Prayer of Confession (from South Africa)**

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others,  
and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,  
**God forgive us.**

For a self-righteousness which denies short-comings,  
and extensive self-interest which strangles compassion,  
**God forgive us.**

For those who live their lives in careless unconcern,  
**We ask your mercy.**

For our failings in community, and our lack of understanding,  
**We ask your mercy.**

For the times when we are too eager to be better than others,  
when we are too rushed to care,  
when we are too tired to bother,  
when we don't really listen,  
when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,  
**God forgive us.**

**Words of Assurance and God's call to His way for living (from Bangladesh)**

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God loves you like a mother embracing us in her lap; like a father, God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, I assure you: you are forgiven, forgive others. You are restored, restore others. You are reconciled with God, be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

**Chancel Choir Anthem**

*In Remembrance*

*B. Red*

**Church Life**

**Young Disciples Time** led by Jared Cave

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Offertory Hymn** (insert) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

**Doxology # 808 (Blue)** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**...THE WORD OF GOD...**

Scripture: **I Corinthians 16:15-19**

Message: *Celebrating Christians who enrich our Christian life*

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

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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 rose 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 living 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.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion Liturgy & Thanksgiving Response (insert)

Communion

Communion Anthem *Come Receive God's Blessing*

### **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 # 743 (Blue)**

*Christ for the World! We Sing*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Leaders: Rev. Mel Van Hattem

Liturgist: Pat Gordon

Music Director: Patricia Kitchell

Organist: Scott Burzynski

Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky

Ushers: Bruce Davis, Jeff Romaine, Carole Romaine, Dan Douma, Drew Altorfer

Today's Scripture: **I Corinthians 16:15-19** (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup> Now, brothers and sisters,<sup>1</sup> you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; <sup>16</sup> I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. <sup>17</sup> I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; <sup>18</sup> for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such persons.

<sup>19</sup> The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord.

### **Consistory**

#### **Deacons**

Fran Bierwas  
Joe Apgar  
George Buckman  
Michael Earle  
Diane Goodell  
Barbara Chickey  
Cindi Petrides

#### **Elder Care Teams**

Charles Quant (A - C)  
Gerry Mamalis (D - F)  
Mark Warner (G - J)  
Nancy Begin (K - N)  
Ken Waibel (O - R)  
Elaine Peacock (S - U)  
Eva Terhune (V - Z)

### **Staff**

Transitional Minister -- Rev. Mel Van Hattem  
Michele Mac Donald - Business Manager/Cemetery Superintendent  
Lorna Carroll - Membership/Contributions Secretary  
Patricia Kitchell - Music Director  
Scott Burzynski - Organist/Pianist  
Janine Maletsky - Bell Choir Director  
Ralph Hook- Cemetery Caretaker/Handyman  
Doris O'Connor – Custodian  
Jack Tice - General Operation Fund Treasurer  
Joanie Warner - Cemetery Treasurer