POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

February 19, 2017

* (Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God. **For he is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.** He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. **He puts the fallen on their feet again.** His understanding is beyond measure. **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!**

*Opening Hymn(Blue) #108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might receive pardon and peace. We are here to become more aware of that gift again, and to weigh with grateful joy the indebtedness we have for salvation

In communion with you we find the grace to forgive ourselves as well as others, and we find your guidance to avoid wrong choices or the pursuit of devastating temptations.

So we bring the panorama of what is calling for our attention, so we don't miss out on your good insight for our life choices.

And we are here to gain more fulfilling insight about how to respond to your call to reach out to others with your redeeming love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 48:17, 1:18,19

"The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One says: I am the one who rescues you, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go.

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing to adhere to my way, you will harvest the best." **GOD'S WAY OF LIVING** Give thanks to the Lord Call upon his name Seek the Lord and his strength continually. Let his deeds be known among the peoples. Tell those you meet what he has done for you.

Chancel Choir Anthem *"Just As I Am"* Charlotte Elliott ...*"Just as I am without one plea…"*

Church Life

Young Disciples Time

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings Offertory Hymn (Green)#232 "What Gift Can We Bring" #808(Blue) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

MESSAGE

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 25:31-4 Sermon: *"Changing Our World*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (a statement of faith and commitment by King David) Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Psalm 37:3-6 (NRSV)

Prayer Requests Prayers for Healing and Strength

John Nelson Nick Anna Gordon Mary Verduin Joyce DeMartino Ed Fischer Jeanette Struble Peter Bankuti David Pope Carole Romaine Jay Stein Daniel Meyer Cheryl Putney Logan Norman Donna Winter Joey Przybylinski Maya and Beth Andrew Holbrook Nikol & Alanna Charlie & Kay Winnie Pappicco Erika Herz David Hague Lothar Schneider Donna De Block Barbara Pierce Isabel Manfredo Paul and Jenna Meghan VanderPlaat Peg Knapich Mike Magee Peter Butler Eleanor Haling Meegan and Paul Stephen Boeckel Matthew Busker Carolyn & Don Stevens John Moody Jackie Bush Michele Mac Donald Salvatore & Giovanni Eleanor Finke Patricia Deschenes A child & a grandchild Carolyn Stevens Shirley Montanari Sherry Friedman Russell Cueman Michele Mac Donald <u>During the Healing Service</u>, worshippers are invited to come forward to request prayers for themselves or loved ones. Until the pastor or healing elder responds to the request, elders lay hands upon those who come forward, centering them in God's presence, while elders encircle the sanctuary. At the conclusion of each prayer, a blessing is offered with anointing of oil.

Healing Song (Blue)#611 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

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 (Blue) #489 "Jesus Paid It All"

*Benediction

Postlude

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "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?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God

Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

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| Preacher: | Mark Warner | |
| Liturgist: | Jo Ann-Ann Sisco | |
| Music Director: | Patricia Kitchell | |
| Organist: | Scott Burzynski | |
| Bell Choir Director: | Janine Maletsky | |
| Ushers: Jeff Anders, George Buckman, Barbara Buckman, Dan Douma, Emil | | |
| Scarmazzo | | |

Consistory

| Deacons | Elder Care Teams | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| Joe Apgar | Charles Quant | (A - C) |
| Fran Bierwas | Barbara Pierce | (D – G) |
| George Buckman | Mark Warner | (H – L) |
| Barbara Chickey | Nancy Begin | (M – PI) |
| Elizabeth Hanisch | Elaine Peacock | (Po – S) |
| Vincent Iraggi | Eva Terhune | (T – Z) |

You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.