

## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

***Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.***

April 23, 2017

\* (Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Gathering Song** *"This Little Light of Mine" & "I Have the Joy" sung by the Saturday School Choir*

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 32

We worship you, Lord, for you are a sanctuary

**You keep us from temptation and troublesome wrongdoing.**

You save us from sinful ways.

**And so, you put songs in our hearts.**

Your kindness is a shield of love when we reach out to you

**We celebrate your good guidance and your redeeming ways.**

**\*Opening Hymn(Blue)#239** *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, We come grateful to be treasured souls with purpose, through the redeeming work of Jesus. We want to apply what Christ's resurrection might mean in our daily life, but we are puzzled as to what to risk on the truth that you can bring new life where a situation looks very deadening. We open ourselves to discover with you opportunities for significant living that we may be overlooking, but that you see for us, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Colossians 2:10-13

You were raised to life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from death. He forgave your shortcomings and sins. God let Christ make you alive. Christ replaces deterring selfish desires with ability to become more fully grown.

## **God's Way of Living**

Ephesians 2: 6-10

God raised us from death to life with Christ Jesus, and he has given us a place beside Christ in heaven. This is God's gift to you. It is not something you have earned.

God did this so that in the future world he could show how good and kind he is to us, because of what Christ Jesus has done.

And God has good accomplishment ready for us to do now. So join Christ Jesus' way, living as God wants you to live.

## **Chancel Choir Anthem**

*"Pacem"*

Lee Dengler

*"...Et in terra pax hominibus..."*

In celebration of Earth Day on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Church Life**

### **Young Disciples Time**

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** *"We are the Church", "Everybody Ought to Know" & Jesus Loves Me"*

Saturday School Choir

**\*Doxology:(Blue)#808** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings"*

## **MESSAGE**

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 NIV

Sermon: The Positive Power Of Jesus Christ

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

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

Heidelberg Catechism Q.45

**What benefit do we receive from "the resurrection" of Christ?**

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that we might share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are raised by his power to newness of life now. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

(Romans 4,6,8)

## Prayer Requests

John Nelson	Logan Norman	Barbara Pierce	John Moody
Nick	Donna Winter	Isabel Manfredo	Cheryl Putney
Anna Gordon	Joey Przybylinski	Paul and Jenna	Michele Mac Donald
Mary Verduin	Maya and Beth	Meghan VanderPlaat	Salvatore & Giovanni
Joyce DeMartino	Andrew Holbrook	Peg Knapich	Eleanor Finke
Ed Fischer	Nikol & Alanna	Mike Magee	Patricia Deschenes
Jeanette Struble	Charlie & Kay	Peter Butler	A child & a grandchild
Peter Bankuti	Winnie Pappicco	Eleanor Haling	Carolyn & Don Stevens
David Pope	Erika Herz	Meegan and Paul	Shirley Montanari
Carole Romaine	David Hague	Stephen Boeckel	Sherry Friedman
Jay Stein	Lothar Schneider	Matthew Busker	Russell Cuman
Daniel Meyer`	Donna De Block		

*During the Healing Service, 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:(Green)#212** "Spirit Song"

### 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)#519** "It Is Well with My Soul" v. 1 & 3

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

### Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35 NIV

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

#### TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher:	Rev. Melchior Van Hattem
Liturgist:	Barbara Chickey
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Saturday School Accompaniment:	Ellen Tintle
Saturday School Leaders:	Bobbi Cockefair & Kay Bergin
Ushers:	Drew Altorfer, Bruce Davis, Dan Douma, Leo & Kathy Mydosh and Bill Wyckoff