

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

July 16, 2017

\* (Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 118)

This day is a beautiful creation by the Lord

**Let us celebrate with glad awareness the beauty and abundance.**

In this house of the Lord we will give thanks.

**What the Lord has done with us is amazing too.**

He rescues and renews people.

**He transforms us with winsome kindness and mercy.**

God's love never quits.

**We will praise him for answered prayers and strength to hang on in hope.**

**\*Opening Hymn:(Blue)#20** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord, it is easy to face accomplishments but much harder to face our failures, our fears, our disillusionments, and even our temptations. Yet bringing them to you makes it possible for us to grow in understanding, to revise our approaches, improve our system of values, and enter a more fulfilling way of life.

Now in silence we bring our anguish and our hopes to be encircled by your compassion and redeeming partnership....

**Words of Assurance**

Psalm 34:17, 18

When people pray for help, God listens and rescues them from their troubles. The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope.

**God's Way of Living**

Romans 8:26-28

We don't always know what to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us and God can understand all our thoughts and hopes. God will work for good with those who love Him. God has chosen you for his significant purposes.

**Music Ministry:** † *"Where Will You Find Jesus"* Summer Choir  
† This morning's anthem was given by Pat Gordon in honor of her parents.

**Church Life**

**Young Disciples Time**

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Hymn:(Green)#268** *"Here I am Lord"*

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

**Unison Offering Prayer**

Almighty and merciful God, Giver of all that is good,

Grant that we may live our lives in gratitude for Your Unending love and generosity.

Help us recognize that our time, talent and treasure are gifts from you for the benefit of others.

Teach us to be good stewards of these gifts and keep us open to appreciating the gifts of others.

Inspire us, your children, to work together for the honor and glory of Your name.

Amen

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

**Message**

Scripture: I Kings 19 5-16 NRSV

Sermon: "When God Treats You to a Vacation"

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

MISSION STATEMENTS OF POMPTION REFORMED CHURCH:

**EXISTING TO GLORIFY GOD BY INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND DEVELOPING ALL BELIEVERS INTO DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.**

**CALLING PEOPLE TO DEEPER LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OUTREACH AND SERVICE.**

**KNOWING CHRIST AND SHARING HIS LOVE WITH THE WORLD.**

### **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
David Pope	Erika Herz	Meegan and Paul	Shirley Montanari
Carole Romaine	David Hague	Donna DeBlock	Sherry Friedman
Jay Stein	Lothar Schneider	Matthew Busker	Russell Cuman
Daniel Meyer`			

*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"

**Healing Solo:** Lynn Scarmazzo

### **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)#639** "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

Preacher	Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Liturgist:	Rick Pierce
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Ushers:	Dan Douma, Emil Scarmazzo, Eva Terhune, and Terry Terhune

**Scripture:**

I Kings 19:5-16 NRSV

<sup>5</sup> Elijah lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Consistory

Deacons

- Joe Apgar
- Fran Bierwas
- George Buckman
- Barbara Chickey
- Elizabeth Hanisch
- Vincent Iraggi

Elder Care Teams

- Charles Quant (A - C)
- Barbara Pierce (D – G)
- Mark Warner (H – L)
- Nancy Begin (M – Pi)
- Elaine Peacock (Po – S)
- Eva Terhune (T – W)

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