

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

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

March 11, 2018

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107:1)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

All: His love endures forever

Children: It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from

All: His love endures forever

Leader: It doesn't matter if you have made mistakes

All: His love endures forever

Children: It doesn't matter if you are hurting now

All: God's love endures forever

Leader: Let us cry out to the Lord

All: Because his love endures forever, he will surely save us.

***Opening Hymn # 2 (Blue)**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

L: There is newness in God every moment,

P: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: There is forgiveness found in God in every moment,

P: for God's forgiveness endures forever.

L: There is hope found in God in every moment,

P: for our hope in God endures forever.

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P: Amen

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God's Way of Living (Based on Psalm 107:20-22 - "The Message")

He spoke the word that healed you, that pulled you back from the brink of death. So thank God for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves; Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what he's done—sing it out!

Ministry of Music

Creation Will Be At Peace

Church Life

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology # 230 (Green)** *We Are An Offering*

***Offering Prayer**

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture Lessons: **Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21**

Sermon Title: "A Vaccine That Is Sure to Work!"

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

***Affirmation of Faith - Excerpts Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism (1562)**

L: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

P: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

L: What is true faith?

P: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

L: But why are you called a Christian?

P: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

L: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

P: To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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 # 223 (Green)**

Shout to the Lord

***Benediction**

Postlude

Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Leader: Rev. Jim Knol
Liturgist: Veronica Schubert
Music Director: Patricia Kitchell
Organist: Scott Burzynski
Pastoral Leader: Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky
Nursery Caregivers: Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner

Ushers: David Hackbarth, Al Kuebler - co-captains; Janet Hackbarth, Fran Bierwas, Robin Sharpe, Joe Apgar

Today's Scripture Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9,

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea,^[a] to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous^[b] serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous^[c] serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[a]

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."^[b]

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