

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

March 25, 2018

(\*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Processional with Palms**

*Hosanna & Hallelujah*

Children, Choirs, & Bells

**Young Disciples Time**

**\*Hymn of Celebration # 229 (Blue)**

*Lift High the Cross* (vs. 1, 3, & 5)

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, today we are remembering your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We are on a sojourn too. And we would hope to be noticed for our moral commitments and cheered along on our journey. It can be an uncertain and lonely journey at times. For it takes energy to reach out in love to some of the people we meet on our journey. Yet when we do, those actions can bring cheer within. So we are here to renew the courage to love at a cost. Inspire us, Lord Jesus, to choose your way to lasting influence. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Psalm 103.8,10-12 nrsv**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who revere him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**God's Way of Living**

**Philippians 2:5-9 niv**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

#### **Ministry of Music**

*Come With Me*

P. Drennan

*Soloist: Rick Pierce*

*The words of Jesus “...come with me for soon I go, but I will leave my spirit to guide and comfort you and I will come again for you.”*

#### **Church Life**

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

##### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology # 203 (Blue)**     *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*     **(vs. 3)**

##### **\*Offering Prayer**

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

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 21:1-11**

Sermon Title: “You can begin again”

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

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

(from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the good news that we have been reconciled in and through Jesus Christ;**  
**That the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;**  
**That the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;**  
**That the church witnesses, by what it says and by what it does, to the new heaven and the new earth, where righteousness dwells;**  
**That through the life-giving work of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, God has conquered the powers of sin and death, and so also alienation and hatred, bitterness and enmity;**  
**That Christ through his Spirit will enable the church people to live in this new obedience, obedience that can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

##### **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 # 204 (Blue)

*All Glory Laud & Honor*

(Vs. 1 & 3)

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

### Today's Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethpage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### 2018 Consistory

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