

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.

April 15, 2018

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Gathering Song

"Bless Us This Day"

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

God is in this holy place.

We pause in silence to receive clarity of purpose for mind, heart and soul.

Christ's spirit of compassion and renewing hope is here.

We pause in silence to release our tensions and fears.

God is here to dwell within us, developing his glory

We pause in silence to realize where we might reflect His presence.

We pause in reverence to ponder how he treasures us,

He is ready to guide what we can become.

***Opening Hymn # 239 (Blue)** *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.

Choral Response: # 209 (Blue) *In the Cross of Christ I Glory (v. 2 only)*

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

Ministry of Music†

"I Am Not Afraid"

Martin/Larson

"...you hold me in your hands and will not let me go."

Church Life

Young Disciples' Time

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn # 557 (Blue) *Open My Eyes That I May See* (v. 1 & 2)

***Doxology # 805 (Blue)** *Glory Be to the Father*

***Offering Prayer**

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture Lesson: **John 20:19-23**

Sermon Title: "The Influential Power in a Prayer Partnership with God"

Hymn # 557 (Blue)

Open My Eyes That I May See (v. 3)

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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Healing Service

¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:14-16 NIV

Prayer Requests received today by card

Other Prayer Requests (prayed for in unison by first name)

John Nelson	Logan Norman	Jonathan VanderPlaat	Mary Verduin
Anna Gordon	Donna Winter	Isabel Manfredo	Cheryl Putney
Joyce DeMartino	Nikol & Alanna	Meghan VanderPlaat	Michele Mac Donald
Ed Fischer	Charlie & Kay	Mike Magee	Eleanor Finke
Peter Bankuti	Erika Herz	Peter Butler	Carolyn & Don
David Pope	David Hague	Eleanor Haling	Shirley Montanari
Carole Romaine	Lothar Schneider	Donna DeBlock	Russell Cueman
		A child & a grandchild	Lillian Moore

During the Healing Service, worshippers are invited to come forward to request prayers for themselves or loved ones. Until the pastor or healing elder asks privately to receive 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 the healing prayer, a blessing with anointing of oil on forehead or hand is offered.

Healing Song # 242 (Blue) *In the Garden* (v. 1 & 2)

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 # 248 (Blue)** *He Lives* (v. 1 & 3)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Leader: Rev. Mel Van Hattem

Liturgist: Patricia Kitchell
Music Director: Patricia Kitchell
Organist: Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky
Nursery Caregivers: Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner

Ushers: Bruce Davis, Carole Romaine, Jeff Romaine, Drew Altorfer, Bill Wyckoff

Today's Scripture Lesson John 20:19-23 NRSV

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

† **This morning's anthem** was sponsored by Tom & Mary Bartha in memory of loved ones. The choir truly appreciates these sponsorships.

2018 Consistory

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