

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

May 13, 2018

(\*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Gathering Song # 61 (Blue)

*How Majestic Is Your Name*

Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today!

**Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.**

Remember that God raised Jesus  
**from the powerlessness of death**  
to the power of his right hand.

**Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.**

Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

\*Opening Hymn # 2 (Blue)

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Choral Response # 447 (Blue)

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

Words of Assurance

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God's Way of Living

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus [said]: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**Ministry of Music**

"Holy"

Caccini/Fettke

*"... Holy God of Power, Holy God of Might. Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory..."*

## **Church Life**

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

#### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology # 216 {Green} Give Thanks**

**\*Offering Prayer**

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

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-12 (nrsv)

Sermon Title: "Because God is Love"

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Heidelberg Catechism Question #1**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup> that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### **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 # 514 (Blue)**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (v. 1 & 3)*

**\*Benediction**

## Postlude

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

### **Today's Scripture Lesson**    1 John 4:7-12    nrsv

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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

Liturgist:                    Elena Van Schaack  
Guest Minister:            Rev. Dr. Michael Johnson  
Pastoral Leader:            Rev. Mel Van Hattem  
Music Director:            Patricia Kitchell  
Organist:                    Scott Burzynski  
Bell Choir Director:        Janine Maletsky  
Nursery Caregivers:        Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner  
Ushers: Nancy Shimmel, Russell Cockefair, Bobi Cockefair, Karen Huysers, Gerry Mamalis, Jared Hollar

### **2018 Consistory**

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