

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.

September 16, 2018

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Gathering Song Green #41 *"He Is Exalted"*

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 68)

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, and we shall reflect His presence.

We pause in reverence to ponder how he treasures us,

And He is ready to guide what we can become.

*Opening Hymn Blue #634 * *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might receive pardon and peace. We are here to become more aware of that gift again, to weigh with grateful joy the indebtedness we have for salvation, freed from being caught for eternity by wrong choices, foolish declarations, and the pursuit of tempting time wasters. Here we find the grace to forgive ourselves. Here can find vision to choose a more valued life.

Lord, you can divert us from the frivolous as we pursue a fulfilling life with you. Reflecting the renewing hope and redeeming love you brought us in ways that enrich others gives us significant purpose too. We are here to be open to your guidance.

Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts and minds to your wisdom. Amen

Choral Response: Blue #535 * *"Day by Day"**

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 40

The Lord, the eternal God, the creator, gives strength to those who are weary. His wisdom is unfathomably great. Even young people stumble and fall. But those who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong, soaring upward, like on eagles wings.

God's Way of Living

Psalms 119:105

God's word is a lamp that gives light wherever you walk.

Ministry of Music † “Sanctus”

T. Fettke

Church Life

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology Green #43 * “Lord, Be Glorified”

*Offering Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture Lesson: II Timothy 3:15-17

Sermon Title: Scripture and Prayer to Enrich Your Busy, Challenging, Productive Autumn Days”

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Belgic Confession

We confess that the Written Word of God was not sent nor delivered "by human will," but that "men and women moved by the Holy Spirit, spoke from God," as Peter says in his letter to the churches.

Afterward our God—with special care for us and our salvation—commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit this revealed Word to writing.

Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.

We receive all these books as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith

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	Lillian Moore	Shirley Montanari
Carole Romaine	Lothar Schneider	A child & a grandchild	Russell Cueman Stephanie

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: (Green) #212 "Spirit Song"

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 (Insert) * "Go Out and Serve Him!" (Congregation joins at the end)**

***Benediction**

Postlude

† This anthem is given in loving memory of our parents Anne & Gilbert Sinkway and Anna & William Romaine by Jeff & Carole Romaine.

*Bold asterisks are hymns requested by our Congregation.

Following Worship please join us for the Congregational Picnic.

Today's Scripture Lesson

II Timothy 3:15-17

"The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds. Since childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures. You know they make you wise so you live more vitally with Christ as your partner. And the Scriptures are useful for teaching and helping people, and for correcting them and showing them how to live vitally too."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Minister:	Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Liturgist:	Lynn Scarmazzo
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Ushers:	Joe Apgar, Fran Bierwas, Dave Hackbarth, Janet Hackbarth, Al Kuebler, Robin Sharp

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

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