

# 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 9, 2018

(\*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Gathering Song (Insert)** *"Holy Ground"*

**Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ, the Living Water, opens the way to life everlasting.

**Jesus Christ, the Living Water, frees us from sin and death.**

Jesus Christ, the Living Water, is a fountain of salvation always springing up to help us overcome temptation and live a fulfilling life.

**Jesus Christ, the Living Water, brings us into God's presence with purity of heart.**

We are here to celebrate the blessing of Jesus Christ, present with us.

**\*Opening Hymn (Insert)** *"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"* v. 1, 2 & 4

**Sacrament of Baptism** for Wesley David Witherington

**\*Commitment of the Congregation**

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these Christian parents Wesley and Alice, by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do.**

**\*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.

**Hymn of Blessing (seated)**

*Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love, and may we always be to you what God would have us be--a family always there, to be strong and to lean on...(Repeat)*

**DEDICATION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**Children in Worship, Age 3 – Kindergarten:** Joan Warner, Cindi Petrides

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Wes Witherington

**Junior/Senior High:** Lucas Spann

**Music Coordinator:** Janine Maletsky

**Support Team:** Val Petrides, Elena Van Schaack, Mark Warner

Congregation:

**Teachers, we receive you as servants of Christ.**

**We shall encourage you with our words and prayers.**

**We shall support you with our church offerings also.**

**For we consider ourselves co-workers with you in the service of Christ. Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

Congregation:

**We bless you because you are special to your parents, to your teachers, to us, and most important, to Jesus! We bless you with a safe environment to grow physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. We bless you with our prayers for God's daily protection and provision. We bless you with a heart for God so that no matter where you are or what you do, you will always remember that God is your ultimate source and strength. We bless you with all the promises of God written in his book, including. . .**

Congregation:

**We bless you in Jesus' name. We bless you because we love you and we believe in you! The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

(Num. 6:22-27)

**Dismissing Sunday School Staff & Students Blue #470 "Jesus Loves Me" V. 1 only**

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Like water seen at a baptism, we need the pouring out of your refreshing spirit to make the most of out of life. It is awesome to realize you have adopted us as your children, and in the quietness of prayer you can guide our thoughts. So we are**

**here to be blessed in heart and soul, and reenergized to give to others that renewing grace and redeeming love that we experience. Amen**

**Words of Assurance**

Psalm 103:13-18

“As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who revere him. He knows us inside and out. He knows our inner strengths, and our humanness, our passions and our shortcomings. His steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting, with those who will follow his covenant ways, making things go right for them and for their children.”

**God’s Way of Living**

Galatians 5:22,23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**Ministry of Music †** *“Make this Church a Welcome Place”*

**Church Life**

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\* \*Offering Prayer**

**Doxology Green #230** *“We Are An Offering”*

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

Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sermon Title: “Intergenerational Inspiration”

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

**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 # 389 Blue** *“Happy the Home When God is There”*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

**Today's Scripture Lesson**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Listen: Only the Lord is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. Memorize his commandments. Tell them to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you are at home or walking together or getting ready for bed or getting started in the morning. Write them where you can readily see them as you travel as well as at home.

† *The anthem for this morning was sponsored by Sue Uhlendorf in loving memory of Mom, Dad, Mary, Rich and Connie.*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Minister:	Rev. Mel VanHattem
Liturgist:	Terry Terhune
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

**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.