

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.

October 7, 2018

(*Please stand if you are able)

11:00 a.m.

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

Prelude

Gathering Music #223 Green *"Shout to the Lord"**

Responsive Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

we dwell in Him and He in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #2 Blue

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. **Amen.**

God's Way of Living (Luke 10:25-28)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Chancel Choir "A Communion Invitation"

"...every weary traveler, every troubled soul rest for just a moment, and leave the table whole."

Church Life

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn (Insert) *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* * v. 1, 2, 3

* Doxology and Offertory Prayer

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD...

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. **Amen.**

Mark 7: 27-34

"To Make A Difference"

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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Meaning of the Sacrament (insert)
Communion Prayers (insert)
Communion

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 #772 Blue** *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation requests.*

Today's Scripture Lesson

Mark 7 (NRSV)

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. ^[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, ^[b] even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Reverend Andy Rienstra
Liturgist:	Wayne Haussler
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
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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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