

# 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.***

November 11, 2018

(\*Please stand if you are able)

11:00 a.m.

*\*denotes hymns requested and loved by this Congregation.*

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Gathering Song - #99 (Blue)**

*\*"When Morning Gilds the Skies" v. 1 & 4*

**Call to Worship**

There is no place where you cannot reach.

**God who made the heavens and the earth.**

There is no journey which you have not traveled.

**God who shared our life in Jesus Christ.**

There are no people beyond your care.

**God who is the Spirit, the Comforter.**

There are not enough words of thanksgiving and words of praise...

**To express our gratitude, our joy, our love for the God who claims us and redeems us.**

**\*Singing Together - #53 (Blue)**

*\*"Let All Things Now Living"*

**Prayer of Confession**

Even when we hope we can do better, we confess O God, that it is not easy to welcome everyone who wants to live among us or needs our prayers and support.

There are many reasons why we find it hard to live as you have instructed us to live. Sometimes we feel people who are different should be treated differently.

Other times we think people who have done wrong don't get a second chance.

Sometimes we are tired and cannot find the energy to give the care or the time they need from us.

Forgive us, O God, if we have been less than generous in our love, in our time, in our resources. Correct our tendencies to hold on to what we have believing that your blessings are limited. May we remember from whom all blessings flow. May we open up the floodgates of our lives that other lives may be enriched for the glory of God. Amen.

**Choral Response - #522 (Blue)** \**Savior, Live A Shepherd Lead Us*" v.2  
**God's Good News** Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

**God's Law For Grateful Living** 1 John 3:23-24

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Church Life

### Veteran's Day Tribute

### Sunday School Students Dismissed

**Chancel Choir Anthem** *"Sanctus"* D. Wagner  
*"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Full are Heaven and Earth of Thy Glory"*

### Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory Hymn - #419 (Blue)** \**"God of Our Fathers"*

\***Doxology - #657 (Blue)** *"All Things Are Yours"* v. 1

\***Offertory Prayer**

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

Micah 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

*"Labor pains"*

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Belhar Confession, Art. 4

L: We believe

**P: that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

**that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

**that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

**that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right**

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,

**that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing**

**stream;**

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

**that in following Christ the church must do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.**

### **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.**

### **\*Singing Together**

*"Go Now in Peace"*

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Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

**\*Following Worship please join us for the Chili/Soup potluck in Fellowship Hall.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Pastor Nathan Busker
Liturgist:	Elaine Peacock
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Ushers:	Nancy Shimmel, Capt., Karen Huysers, Bobbie Cockefair, Russell Cockefair, Bill Wyckoff

## 2018 Consistory

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Elder Care Teams</u>		
George Buckman	Sue Uhlendorf	973-839-6391	(A - C)
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You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.

## Today's Scripture Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil,<sup>[b]</sup> we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers. <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?