

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

April 21, 2019

(*Please stand if you are able)

11:00 am

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

Prelude

Opening Chimes

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Handbell Choir

Greeting/Prayer

Call to Worship

The stone is rolled away,

death is overcome.

The tomb is dark, but empty,

darkness gives way to light.

The grave cloths are folded,

where has he gone?

The women were the first to see and tell us

he is not here.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

***Hymn #234 (Blue)**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*Chancel Choir/Congregation
Easter Setting by: D. Benton*

Easter Prayer

Holy One, we gather together in the light of this new day, this wonderful day, to remember an empty tomb,

Jesus is risen!

How marvelous, how wonderful, Jesus is not found in the tomb, he is not found among the dead, yet, we don't see him here, but he is here! The mystery of Easter is revealed in an empty tomb.

Love has won

As we gather to hear once more the story of Easter we remember that faith does not depend on seeing or hearing; faith is trusting and acknowledging presence beyond our understanding.

We are sorry for those times when our faith fails us, when we allow our doubts to consume us and distract us. Risen Lord, forgive us. We are sorry for those times when we choose to ignore the way that faith leads us and go instead our own path. Risen Lord, forgive us. (a time of silent reflection)....

As we meet here accept our offering of worship, renew us and remind us of your promise to be with us always, even when our senses doubt your presence help us to trust in you..... **Amen.**

Choral Response #238 (Blue) "Because He Lives"

Chancel Choir Anthem "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Violinists: *Karen Kamp*
Barney Steven

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn #254 (Blue) "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" v. 1 & 3

***Doxology #239 (Blue)** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v. 5

***Offertory Prayer**

THE WORD OF GOD...

Matthew 28:1-10

"Love Wins"

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

***Profession 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.

Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving & Encouragement/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.

Easter Litany

Say to the world today what was thought absurd is now imaginable: the tomb is empty and death is **broken**.

Say to the world today what was impossible yesterday is possible today: the old preconceptions are **shattered**.

Say to the world today the stone has rolled, the light streams in and the darkness has **cracked**.

Say to the world today all that was uncertain is now certain, the truth is alive and the lies have **crumbled**.

Say to the world today the tomb is empty, hope is back, the alleluias have begun and the silence has **snapped**.

Say to the world today death is **broken**, preconceptions **shattered**, darkness is **cracked**, lies **crumbled**, silence is **snapped**.

This is the good news that cannot be contained, and we will share a piece of the peace with everyone.

***Singing Together #251 (Blue)**

“Thine is the Glory”

***Benediction**

Postlude

Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader:	Rev. Debbie Pierce
Liturgist:	Joanie Warner
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Choral Trio:	Patti Kitchell Caroline Winter Leslee Ferray
Ushers:	Bruce Davis, Co-Captain, Jeff Romaine, Co-Captain, Carole Romaine, Dan Douma, Drew Altofer

This morning we welcome back to our Sanctuary our guest violinists; Karen Kamp and Barney Stevens. Thank you for enhancing our service with your musical gifts. Welcome!