

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

September 8, 2019

(\*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 am

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

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Gathering Song**

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Chancel Choir

**Dedication of the Sunday School Teachers**

**Nursery:** *Church Member Volunteers*

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

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

**Junior/Senior High:** *Lucas Spann*

**Adult Education:** *Elena Van Schaack, Mark Warner*

**Music Coordinator:** *Janine Maletsky*

**Support Team:** *Cindi Petrides, Val Petrides*

**All: 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.**

**Church Life**

**\*Call to Worship**

Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you. To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.

**As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands. Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.**

Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us.

**Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.**

God of love and life, let our souls rise to meet you, as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**\*Singing Together #77 (Blue)**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

We are connecting to a God who is always present. In his infinite holiness, he is also infinite in love. We do not need to hide our brokenness or pain from him for he loves us as we are.

Say these words with me: You call us to be your voices in this world

**and we stay silent.**

You call us to be your hands in this world

**and we keep them hidden.**

You call us to be your feet in this world

**and we go our own way.**

When we meet those who are doubting

**and say nothing, forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch

**and do nothing, forgive us.**

When we are called to take up your cross

**and carry nothing, forgive us.**

Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, God loves us as we are but he does not leave us as we are. For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. **Amen.**

## **Choral Response #730 (Blue)**

“People Need the Lord”

## **Living the Way of Jesus**

As we live the way of Jesus in the world, our lives are shaped by the grace, peace, and love we have received from him. Hear these words from Jesus in Matthew 6.

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life...<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

## **Chancel Choir Anthem**

“Lord, Here Am I”

J. N. Beck

## **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

\*Doxology #72 (Blue)

“To God Be the Glory” v. 1

\*Offertory Prayer

## **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.**

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

Genesis 1:1-2

*"A Poetic Beginning"*

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

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

#### **from *Our World Belongs to God***

Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earth keepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.

**Together, male and female, single and married, young and old—every hue and variety of humanity—we are called to represent God, for the Lord God made us all. Life is God's gift to us, and we are called to foster the well-being of all the living, protecting from harm the unborn and the weak, the poor and the vulnerable.**

**\*Singing Together #384 (Blue)**      "This is My Father's World"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

#### **Today's Scripture**

Genesis 1:1-2

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

#### **Resources for the Liturgy**

Call to worship is from ~ posted on The Minor Keys. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>

Call to Confession is written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.  
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Assurance of Pardon is written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader:	Pastor John Burden
Liturgist:	Drew Altorfer
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
September Ushers:	Al Kuebler, Joe Apgar, Robin Sharpe Fran Bierwas, Jackie Bush

## 2019 CONSISTORY

### Deacons

Dan Douma  
Elizabeth Hanisch  
Vincent Iraggi  
Drew Altorfer  
Bill Wyckoff

### Elder Care Teams

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Terry Terhune	973-835-6982 (H - L)
Elena Van Schaack	973-839-7874 (M- Pi)
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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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