



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

January 29, 2023

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations and peoples all faiths and no faith reveal yourself to those who are suffering,

reveal yourself to all who are refugees,

reveal yourself to those who are powerful,

reveal yourself to all who are powerless,

reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives, that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

Lord 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.

Opening Song - Insert

"God of the Sparrow" vs. 1, 3 & 6

Confession and Assurance

We say a prayer of confession together because it reminds us that we are all in this together. We share the same brokenness and are loved by the same God. I will begin the litany.

Lord of Creation,

we confess that we have squandered your gifts
and used them as if they had been given for us alone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News:

We have not been faithful in all things. But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness. Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness, embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Glory to to God! We are forgiven. We have hope. We will respond.

Friends, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

For living the way of Jesus today, we are going to read a modern interpretation of The Apostles' Creed. This simple statement of belief is the center of the center. I believe in God, who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love.

I believe in The Church a community of believers who serve the world through compassion, justice and love.

Chancel Choir Anthem

"People Need the Lord"

Nelson/McHugh

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Congregational Offertory Song: Blue #379

"For the Fruit of All Creation" vs. 3

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon Title: Following Jesus

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Our Shared Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will 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.

Closing Song Green #269

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” vs 1 & 3

Benediction

Postlude

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