



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

June 4, 2023

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Come all who are weary
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division
Come all who are carrying something
with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

**Come all who have hope
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.**

Hear these words:

“See, I am making all things new.”

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: Blue #2 “Holy Holy Holy!” vs. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we can be honest about the brokenness in the world and the brokenness in ourselves. And we can come before him today because we know that he meets us in love, grace, and mercy. When I say the words, “Lord hear our prayer,” you may respond, “Lord, have mercy.”

Seeking peace in a broken world,
but also knowing God’s peace through God’s presence,
we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain,
but also feeling God’s peace through healing, prayer, and those who help,
we pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace through our distress, depression and fear,
but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones
and the hope we see in the world,
we pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of hope and assurance of grace from Psalm 145.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Hear the word of the Lord in Jesus:

'Your sins are forgiven!'

Friends, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped and formed by his love, by his peace, by his life. As our lives are changed, we bring that love, peace and justice into the world. Join me in saying this responsive reading of The Prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Friends, let's live the way of peace wherever our lives might lead.

Amen.

Chancel Choir Anthem

“The Majesty & Glory of Your Name

T. Fettke

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory Song: Blue # 10

“Glorify Your Name” vs. 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Message: The Deepest Love

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – (see insert)

Communion Song– (see insert)

“In Remembrance”

Closing Song: Blue #60

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Postlude