



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 5, 2023

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship by Christine Longhurst

Lord,
the eyes of all look to you in hope;
and You give them what they need.

**You open your hand
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

We, too, turn to you again, longing to be filled—
to eat of the Bread of Life,
**to drink from your life-giving streams,
to taste your goodness and live.**

May the time we spend together in your presence
nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with you,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples.

**For you alone are God,
the source and sustainer of life.**

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

“Here I Am To Worship”

Call to Confession by Greg Scheer

God calls us into the desert, but we follow reluctantly. Let us confess our brokenness
and commit ourselves to following the path God has chosen for us.

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, like Israel before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes.

**Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert:
the long way,
the unknown path,
the journey of trial, trust, and refining.**

Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us.
Forgive our complaining along the way.
Forgive the times we've stumbled
when the journey was long and hard.

**Deliver us from our Egypts.
Lead us on our unexpected journeys.
Sustain us in our deserts.
Bring us to our promised lands.**

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Assurance

The same God who delivered Israel from her slavery is the God who delivers us from our slavery to sin. God has made a way to freedom through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! The same God who gave Israel a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night is the God who sent the Spirit to lead and to guide. Let us follow with joy! Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

And the Table Will Be Wide

Friends, today we will join together in communion at the Lord's Table. At this table we experience generosity, acceptance, and grace. And we become more generous, more accepting, and more gracious. Let's say and reflect on this mediation together.

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

And all God's people said, **Amen.**

Choral Anthem

"In Remembrance"

Ragan Courtney

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology Blue #46

"My Tribute"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sermon: Written On Our Hearts

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

Communion Song Blue #101

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Closing Song Green #261

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Benediction

Postlude

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