



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 14, 2024

10:00 am

### Prelude

#### **Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world and whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but they will have the light of life.

#### **Call To Worship**

Sing praises to our Lord:

**who heals us and makes us whole.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

**whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;

give thanks to God's holy name:

**God's Kingdom is near to us;**

**God's peace resides in our hearts.**

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 – Screens**      *“(Blessed Be) The Name of the Lord”*      *Utterbach*

#### **Call to Confession, written by Christine Longhurst**

Join us today in our prayer of confession. In this prayer we can come to God with all of the brokenness of the world and our lives, knowing that he meets us in love. God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.

**Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.**

Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. **Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance written by Rev. Mindi**

You are loved and love is the Way.

When you love God, you love others.

When you truly lay down your life for others,  
you lay down your life for God.  
Give yourself to God by serving others.  
Know that in God's love there is forgiveness,  
healing, and reconciliation.  
Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.** Amen.

### **Living the Way of Jesus** **Prayer of St. Francis (1182-1226)**

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

### **Announcements** **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Offertory – Choir**

*"I Shall Not Be Moved"*  
African American Spiritual, arr. by Alice Parker

**Doxology - Blue #72** *"To God Be the Glory" v.1*

**Scripture: 1 John 1:5-2:2**  
**Sermon: Confession and Assurance**

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. **2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **Our Shared Faith from *The Heidelberg Catechism***

Now we have an opportunity to respond to what we have heard. We share one Lord, one faith and one hope. Today our shared faith comes from The Heidelberg Catechism, written in the 1500's in Germany.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

**Closing Song - Blue #70**

*“God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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