



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 21, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome

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

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
and you care for us.

When we face darkness and death,
you walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,
you fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful,
you feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives.

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 #558

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead. Lord, we would follow you.

Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

Forgive us when, distracted, we lose our way.

Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear these words of hope and assurance from Psalm 103.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

**¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;**

**¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

**¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus: Living The Way of Love in 1 Corinthians 13

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 dies ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Friends, this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Doxology – Blue #809

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Scripture: 1 John 2:3-11

Sermon: Imitating Christ

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God^[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister^[a] lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Our Shared Faith from *Our World belongs to God*

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

Friends, let us live out love and justice wherever we go.

Amen and let it be.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

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| Manny | Michele | Mark | Those who are grieving |
| Judi & Bob | Cas | Judy | Those dealing with illness |
| Heather | Donna | Kathleen | |
| Kerry & Clarity | Jackie F | | |

During the Healing Service, worshippers are invited to come forward to request prayers for themselves or loved ones. While the pastor or healing elder responds, elders will surround the sanctuary with prayer. At the conclusion of each prayer, a blessing is offered with anointing of oil.

Closing Song – Blue #551

“Give Me Jesus”

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden
Liturgist: Terry Terhune
Music Director: Mark Adamy

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If you are in need of prayer, spiritual support, have concerns about your faith journey or wish to discuss any other issue, we faithfully encourage you to reach out to your Elder representative.



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