



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 5, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Call to Worship

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.**

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul and mind and strength?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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 - Green #24 "How Majestic Is Your Name"

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."

Holy God, you are a mystery greater than our minds can comprehend.
And yet, you have come to us in Jesus and he invites us to follow him.
Even with this invitation, we often make our own way.

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

We are invited to live a life of love, yet at times we bring hate or indifference.

We are invited to live a life of peace, yet at times we add to the conflict.

We are invited to live a life of justice, yet we allow injustice and corruption to rule.

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

We come, hesitant, yet drawn by your love.

Immerse us in the waters of your grace.

Let us find strength at the communion table.

Pour your Holy Spirit upon us.

Teach us to love one another with the love of Christ.

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

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, the mercy of God and love of God changes our lives forever.

In the waters of our baptism,

God declares:

“You are my beloved child.”

Now we are community, called to flood our world
with the love we have received.

This week, whenever anyone or anything
makes you feel small or insignificant or alone,

remember your baptism

and live into your calling.

It is the gift of God's grace for you.

Friends, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by the grace and peace of God. Our lives are shaped by the life of Jesus. Hear this meditation by St. Teresa of Avila and remember them as we live the way of Jesus in the word.

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - Choir

Doxology - Blue #805

“Give Me Jesus”

“Glory Be to the Father”

Sermon: “God is Love”

Scripture 1 John 4:7-19

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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

**We are offering Gluten-free bread only.*

Closing Song - Blue #502

“Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Postlude

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