



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

July 7, 2024

10:00 am

### Prelude

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

The Christ Candle: *Jesus said, "I am the light of the world and whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

#### **Call to Worship**

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

**This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."**

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

#### **Call to Confession**

--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. We don't have to hide in our shame or stand far off in our guilt. God is love and he meets us in his 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. Lord, hear our prayer.

**Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

*With God there is always forgiveness and restoration. We experience grace and peace through his love. Join me in this responsive reading of our baptism liturgy, recognizing us that God's love has been with us our entire lives.*

For us, Jesus Christ came into the world.

**For us he lived and showed God's love.**

For us he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary.

**For us he uttered the cry "It is Finished."**

For us he rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and there he intercedes for us

**All of this was done for us, even if we don't know it yet.**

But as the church, we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

**We love because God first loved us.**

May this be true for you yesterday, today, and all the days to come. Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Living the Way of Jesus**

*As we prepare to experience communion today, let's reflect on this meditation on the meaning and power of what happens when we join together at the Lord's Table.*

## **Blessing: And the Table Will Be Wide**

By Jan L. Richardson

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 joy and peace.

**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. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

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

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Doxology**

#### **Sermon: Lift Up Your Hearts**

#### **Scripture: Luke 19:1-10**

**19** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

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

#### **Closing Song**

#### **Benediction**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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