



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 3, 2024

10:00 am

### **Prelude**

**Christ Candle:** *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it.*

### **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 – Blue #20**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

### **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.**

### **Announcements**

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

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory – Choir**

“If You Love Me”

Joel Raney

*“Because I live, you too, shall live”*

#### **Doxology – Blue #808**

*“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Scripture: Genesis 9:7-17**

**Sermon: The New Promise**

*<sup>7</sup> As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” <sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” <sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”*

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

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

**Communion Song – Blue #60**

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

**Closing Song – Insert**

*“In Christ Alone”*

**Benediction**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden  
Liturgist: Keith Hanisch  
Guest Music Director: Maxine Alstrom

### **Streaming & Audio**

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