



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 13, 2024

10:00 am

Prelude

The Christ Candle: *Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden, so let your light shine for the world."*

Call to Worship

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

**⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.**

¹² 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.

**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 – Blue #26

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Call to Confession

Friends, as we come to a time of corporate confession today, we can be open and honest with God and with one another. We don't have to hide from God or avoid him. He always meets us in grace and love. Let's pray together.

God of grace, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love.

Your love never fails. Even we turn away from you, when we ignore Your invitation, or desert you for gods of our own making.

Even then you do not abandon us, but reach out—again and again—inviting us back into relationship once more.

Forgive us for when we see the world in need and we avert our eyes.

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

Forgive us when fail to show compassion and generosity to the people right in front of us.

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

Words of Assurance

God meets us where we are with these words of assurance and hope from Jeremiah 31. This is a declaration of his covenant: A promise of his presence, love and commitment

“This is the covenant I will make with my people after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

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 love that Jesus showed and lived in the world. Hear these words from 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 fails. 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 – Choir

Doxology – Blue #809

“Down to the River to Pray”

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings”

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31 NRSV

Sermon Title: "One Thing"

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money^[a] to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another,^[c] 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,^[d] ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Our Shared Faith From *The Apostles Creed*

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 Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song – Green #293 *"Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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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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