



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 20, 2024

10:00 am

### **Prelude**

**The Christ Candle:** *May the light of Christ surround us. May the light of Christ guide us on our way. May it be within and without. May the light of Christ lead us home. Amen.*

### **Call to Worship**

Living God, we have known your presence. We have lived in your love. Show us your glory. Reveal your glory in us.

**We will carry your glory from here. We will show it to all the world. Amen.**

Lord let our souls rise to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to The Father and to The Sun and to The Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

### **Opening Song – Blue #45**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

### **Confession**

As we come to God this morning, we are reminded that we don't have to hide from the God who created us, we can bring our joy and our sorrow, our love and our shame, knowing that he will meet us there in love and grace. Here these words from Psalm 51, and when I say, “We pray to the Lord,” feel free to respond, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. We pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.,<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Bring your kingdom to this broken world. We need renewal and restoration in our communities and countries. Bring your justice and mercy to all of our systems.

Forgive us for being bystanders and spectators. We pray to the Lord,

**Lord hear our prayer.**

## Words of Assurance

The living God meets you where you are at and meets the world in love. He is bringing restoration and reconciliation to your life and he is not leaving this world as it is. Friends, your sins and our sins are forgiven. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## Living the Way of Jesus

In this time of division and anxiety, let us once again be a people who follow Jesus in the world! These words are the beginning of The Sermon on The Mount in Matthew 5.

Jesus said,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
**for they will be comforted.**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
**for they will inherit the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**for they will be filled.**

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
**for they will be shown mercy.**

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**for they will see God.**

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they will be called children of God.**

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”

Jay Althouse

*This morning’s anthem is in honor and loving memory of Pastor Mel Van Hattem who served PRC as Interim Pastor from June 2016 – September 2018. Pastor Mel was known for his big smile and even bigger heart. He loved this anthem and served this church joyfully and happily, encouraging and inspiring us all to love the Lord and be the best we can be. God Bless you, Mel.*

#### Doxology – Blue #262

“Rejoice, The Lord is King” v. 1

**Scripture Reading:** *Genesis 6:1-8*

**Sermon:** "Death and Resurrection"

6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with<sup>a</sup> humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. 5 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

**Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Ella & her family	Ken	Carole & Jeff	
Donelle	Carol	Rea	Those who are grieving
Mary	Cas	EmmaLee	Those dealing with illness
Mark	Carla	Linda	

*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.*

**Healing Song**

*Spirit Song Green #212*

**Our Shared Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 18**

**While justly angry,  
God did not turn away  
from a world bent on destruction  
but turned to face it in love.  
With patience and tender care  
the Lord set out  
on the long road of redemption  
to reclaim the lost as his people  
and the world as his kingdom.**

**Closing Song – Green #145**

*"There is a Redeemer"*

**Benediction**