



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 27, 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

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our heart and soul

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our mind and strength

We are called to love the Lord our God

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

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 #2

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Confession: *The Communion of Saints*

As we come before God today, this prayer of confession centers around the idea of the communion of saints in The Apostles' Creed. Let's pray.

You are our God and we are Your people, and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own. You have set us in the company of saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to Your goodness and Your truth.

Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward.

You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid

— **afraid of a future we cannot control;**

— **afraid of losing health and independence**

- afraid for the well-being of our children
- afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears.

Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads,

confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace. We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace.

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

Words of Assurance and Hope: A Celtic Blessing

For our words of assurance today, say this blessing with me:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you in the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing, once again through our doors.

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

Jesus created a path and a life for us to follow and imitate. Hear this poetic interpretation of The Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes

The poor, and those in solidarity with them –God is on your side.

Those who mourn and feel grief about the state of the world –God is on your side.

The non-violent, gentle and humble –God is on your side.

Those who hunger and thirst for the common good –God is on your side.

The merciful and compassionate –God is on your side.

Those characterized by sincerity, kindness and generosity –God is on your side.

Those who work for peace and reconciliation –God is on your side.

Those who keep seeking justice –God is on your side.

Those who stand for justice and truth as the prophets did, who refuse to be quiet even when slandered,

misrepresented, threatened, imprisoned or harmed –

God is on your side!

Friends, the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Offering
Offertory**

Doxology – Green #16

“I Love You Lord”

Sermon Text: Genesis 6:9-14; 18-20; 7:24-8:1

Sermon: Saved Through The Storm

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ^{7:24}The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days. **8** But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

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 – Blue # 21

“How Great Thou Art”

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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