



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

January 19, 2025

10:00 am

### **Prelude**

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

*God is light and in him there is no darkness. And if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we are also in Christ and he is in us. -1 John*

*"I am the light of the world. You are the light of the world." -Jesus of Nazareth*

#### **Call to Worship**

We are called to show everyone that God so loves the world.

#### **We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

#### **We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

#### **The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

#### **Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

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 #45**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

#### **Call to Confession**

Friends, as we come before God today, let's be open and vulnerable. As people, we have the potential for both compassion and indifference, mercy and vengeance, generosity and greed. God sees us as a whole in the ways we love and the ways we fall short. And he sees us as his beloved people.

God of Light,

we confess that we have gone astray, leaving your light behind.

**We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.**

**We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules.**

We follow the fading light of personal salvation.

Forgive us for not seeking the light of your love for all the world.

**Forgive us for not following the way of Jesus,  
who commanded us to love one another.**

Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the mystery of Your love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Living the Way of Jesus**

You call us to be your light in the darkness,  
your voice in the wilderness,  
your hope for the hopeless.

**You give us strength in our weakness,  
peace and gentleness,  
words and boldness,  
to proclaim more of you and less of us. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

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

#### **Offering**

##### **Offertory Choir**

*"10,000 Reasons"      Words/Music—Myrin & Redman  
"You're rich in love and you're slow to anger"*

#### **Doxology – Green #230**

*"We Are an Offering"*

#### **Scripture Reading: John 2:1-12**

#### **Sermon: "Water into Wine"**

**2** On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,

<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” <sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

**Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Raymond	Bill	Carole & Jeff	
Jürgen	Sara	Judy	Those who are grieving
Marge	Art	Terry	Those dealing with illness
Doug	Barbara		

*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 - Green #212**

*“Spirit Song”*

**Our Shared Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins and because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Closing Song – Blue #353**

*“For The Beauty Of The Earth”*

**Benediction**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden  
Liturgist: Pat Gordon  
Guest Pianist: Maxine Alstrom

### Streaming & Audio

Karen Huysers  
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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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