



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

March 23, 2025

10:00 am

### Prelude

### Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

**<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

**<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,**

**<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,**

**<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.**

**<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

**Praise the LORD.**

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 #200

*"Lord, Who Throughout"*

### Prayer of Confession

*Friends, as we continue our journey through Lent, we look inward to see the things that are holding us back from being more compassionate and loving. We have an opportunity to be honest and open about our failures, our brokenness, and our sins. And know that as we come before him, he doesn't see us with judgement or keep count of our failures. He sees us in his grace and his love because we belong to him.*

*Hear these words from Psalm 51*

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.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>10</sup> **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.

<sup>15</sup> Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>17</sup> **My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not turn away.**

### **Words of Assurance**

May God create in you a clean heart, a transformed heart, a heart that knows and seeks and loves the justice and mercy of the Lord.

May you accept the gift of salvation – not your personal possession to be coveted, but His work, accomplished in the destruction of Sin on the cross of Jesus Christ.

**May we receive his hand which offers his great compassion  
and unfailing love.**

Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*We were created in his love, we were saved in his love, so now let's live in his love.*

*These are the words of Jesus:*

The greatest commandment is to:

**Love the Lord with all of your heart and soul and mind and strength.**

**And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.**

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

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

#### Offering

Offertory – Screens

*“Fly Like a Bird”*

Ken Canedo

Doxology – Blue #229

*“Lift High the Cross” vs 1*

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:18-22,

**Sermon:** No Place He Will Not Go

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

#### **Our Shared Faith: The Apostles' Creed (RCA Contemporary)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 – Screens

*“Endless Is Your Love” vs 1 & 2*

Tom Kendzia

Benediction

Postlude

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden  
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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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