



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving Service

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven:

Who has known us our whole lives who loves you so much that he calls us his children

who has brought us from darkness into light and filled us with his Spirit

who has prepared an inheritance for us that will never perish, spoil, or fade

who encourages and strengthens us in every good deed and word;

who comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others.

This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.

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 #381

“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

Thanksgiving Reflection #1 Pat Gordon

Call to Confession

God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision. You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Words of Assurance and Hope

God, your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

A Prayer Litany of Thanksgiving from The Catholic Health Association

Loving and gracious God, your blessings are countless and your love is never-ending.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, we pray that you will open our hearts to you and to one another, that we may share the gifts you have given us in loving service to all people.

Lord, our God, you have done wondrous things on earth; guide us as we care for and protect the earth, our home and our gift from you.

Grant us joy of heart, and may peace dwell with us. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

Thanksgiving Reflection #2 Caroline Winter

Song - Insert

"You Are Good"

Israel Houghton

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – Choir Song

"Thank you, God"

David Lantz III

Doxology Blue #496

"Give Thanks"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Thanksgiving Reflection #3 Mark Warner

Thanksgiving Reflection #4 Sabine Kroeger

Our Shared Faith: *Our World Belongs to God*

56. We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

57. On that day we will see our Savior face to face, sacrificed Lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious. We live confidently, anticipating his coming, offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness, our loyalty, and our love—knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Closing Song – Blue #60

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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