



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

September 15, 2024

10:00 am

### **Prelude**

**Christ Candle:** *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it.*

*-John 1*

### **Call to Worship**

Lord God, the source of all good things,  
we pause in your presence and hold our day before you.  
Still us, calm us, guide us as we enter this day.

**We know that all of life is an invitation.**

**Lead us into a deeper life with you.**

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 #356** *“All Creatures of Our God and King” (v.1,2,3,5)*

### **Call to Confession**

In this moment, we are coming before God, and we can be honest about the brokenness within ourselves and the brokenness of the world. We know we can say these things because he meets us with love and grace.

Holy God,

we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place.

We have not led a blameless life.

**We have not lived how you created us to be.**

**When we have opportunities to speak the truth, we settle for what is popular.**

**When we are called to work for justice, we find the easy way out.**

**We are called to love the world, but instead we focus on ourselves.**

Hear our cry, God of our hope, and renew our hearts once again

To work for a world of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Choral Response

## “Hear Us, O Lord”

### Assurance of Pardon

Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling,  
God came to dwell with us  
through the body and being of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.  
Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.  
Hear the good news of the Gospel:  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are changed and formed by the life Jesus of Nazareth.  
For hundreds of years, Christians have found the Prayer of St. Francis to be a  
compelling picture of what it means to follow Jesus and live a life of love and peace.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

**where there is hatred, let me sow love;**  
**where there is injury, pardon;**  
**where there is doubt, faith;**  
**where there is despair, hope;**  
**where there is darkness, light;**  
**where there is sadness, joy.**

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
**to be understood as to understand,**  
**to be loved as to love.**  
**For it is in giving that we receive,**  
**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**  
**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**  
Amen.

### Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

### Offering

Offertory Choir

*“10,000 Reasons”*

Myrin/Redman

### Doxology

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25**

**Sermon: Created For Community**

*<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” <sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” <sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” <sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

**Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Jackie	Ron	Carter	Those who are grieving
Linda	Debbie	Simon	Those dealing with illness
Tanya G-ma	Tim	Carla	

*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**

*“Healing River of the Spirit”*

**Closing Song**

*“10,000 Reasons”*

**Benediction**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden  
Liturgist: TBD  
Music Director: Mark Adamy

### **Streaming & Audio**

Karen Huysers  
Gail Freeland

### **Screen Visuals**

Eddie Van Schaack

## **2024 CONSISTORY**

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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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