



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 10, 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 this light be within you and around you. May the light of Christ lead us home. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

We've come to worship God,

who makes streams flow from rock,

who turns the parched earth into springs of water,

who sends the rain from heaven

and makes arid land blossom and flourish.

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O 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 #384

“This Is My Father’s World”

Call to Confession

We hope for unity and peace: In our world, in our country and in our families. But at times we are not peacemakers. Instead of reconciliation and forgiveness, we add to the division and contempt that we have for one another. Let's bring all of this before God.

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life.

Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.
We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.
We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other.
Even now, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.
Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of assurance today from Psalm 103:

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love toward those who fear him; and as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

For he knows how we were formed; he remembers that we are dust.

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts today.

May you feel the healing presence of God in your lives and accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord.

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

Living The Way of Jesus (From Our World Belongs to God):

As a community, we live our lives, shaped by this grace. Say these words with me:

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

Friends, let us live the way of Jesus in the world.

May we live out his love, his peace, and his compassion.

3rd Grade Bible Presentations

Blake Guell, Ira Burden and Roman Burden

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – Choir Anthem

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Frances R. Havergal 1836-1879, by David H. Williams

Doxology – Blue #72

“To God Be the Glory” vs.1

Scripture: Genesis 11

Sermon: What Are We Building?

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Our Shared Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Closing Song Blue #532

“Be Thou My Vision”

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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