



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

February 9, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Christ show you the way in the darkness and may the light of Christ remind you that he is always both within you and by your side on the journey.

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 the wilderness 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 #20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Call to Confession:

As we enter into this time of confession, we can be honest about our personal brokenness and the brokenness of the world. 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

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 he knows how we were formed; he remembers that we are dust. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. **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.**

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 The Prayer of St. Francis)

As a community, we live our lives, shaped by this grace. Join me in this litany of the Prayer of St. Francis, written 800 years ago.

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 Anthem

“Prayer For Peace”

St. Francis of Assisi, Arr.: Benjamin Harlan

Doxology - Blue #808

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Scripture Passage: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: The Storm Inside and Out

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Our Shared Faith: *From 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 His kingdom will never end. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Closing Song - Blue #60

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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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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