



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

March 16, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Christ be within us and around us, on our right and on our left. May it illuminate our path and lead us to peace.

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Lord, let our souls rise to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glorify 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 #532

“Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Confession

As we continue our journey toward the cross and the resurrection, let us all look within and be honest about the brokenness and sin in our lives and in the world. At the same time, we remember that we are praying to God, who greets us in grace and love.

Almighty God of love and grace, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives.

Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives.

In our complaints, challenge us to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

Words of Assurance

You are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of you. So, return God's blessing by the way you love others. Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by the grace and peace we have received. As we think about how to live, we look to the life of Jesus. Here is a reflection from St. Patrick, written in 433 AD in Ireland.

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Friends, may the presence of Jesus become greater and greater in your life.

Amen, let it be so.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Choir Song

"The Irish Blessing"

Joyce Eilers Bacak

**In Memory of my son - J.T. Murphy; given by: Lois Bobrowski*

Doxology – Blue #839

"God Be with You"

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: A Picture of Love

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He

answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[d]”²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Erika	Larry	Helen	Luis
Dave & Steve	Dave	Nancy	Those who are grieving
			Those dealing with illness

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 – (Screens)

“Healing Waters”

Trevor Thomson

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 He will come again with glory 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 #543

“Christ Beside Me”

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden
Liturgist: Elena Van Schaack
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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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