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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

January 25, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of the life of Christ illuminate our lives. May it shine into the darkness of the world, and may it guide us on our way.

Call to Worship

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations and peoples all faiths and no faith reveal yourself to those who are suffering,

reveal yourself to all who are refugees, reveal yourself

to those who are powerful, reveal yourself to all who are powerless,

reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives, that this world might reflect your love and your glory. 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- *“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”*

Confession and Assurance

We say a prayer of confession together because it reminds us that we are all in this together. We share the same brokenness and potential. We share in the same sin and grace, and we are loved by the same God. I will begin the litany. Lord of Creation, we confess that we have squandered your gifts and used them as if they had been given for us alone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News: We have not been faithful in all things. But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness. Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness, embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Glory to God! We are forgiven. We have hope. We will respond.

Friends, the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

For living the way of Jesus today, we are going to read a modern interpretation of The Apostles' Creed. This simple statement of belief is the center of the center. I believe in God, who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love

I believe in The Church a community of believers who serve the world through compassion, justice and love.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory- Matt solo "Alive" (Natalie Grant)

Doxology - Blue 808 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Sermon: Put Down Your Stone

Scripture: John 8:1-11

but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you

say? “They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. “Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Our Shared Faith: *Our World belongs to God, Article 34*

In our world, many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd. But God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

Closing Song- “Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

Benediction