

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

March 1, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome and Christ Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Call to Worship

Loving Lord, As we continue this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from You. To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives, and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us.

So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way.

May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem.

May we like Him take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to you, just as Christ Himself did.

For that is the faithful way.

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 #369 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

Prayer of Confession

Hidden God, we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table, our sin and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting, our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties, the raw materials we ask you to bless and change, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and in our desert experiences we may find You.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Words of Assurance

Lord Christ, you came among us, and breathed into our broken souls, healed our pain and brought us back to you. You love us to the end, and triumph over all our hatred. Friends, may the grace and peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are changed and shaped by the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The way he lived, the way he showed compassion, inclusion, and restoration becomes our way. Hear his words from the Sermon on the Mount. Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Blessed are those who mourn **for they will be comforted.** Blessed are the meek, **for they will inherit the earth.** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.** Blessed are the merciful, **for they will be shown mercy.** Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.** Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Friends this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be God.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – Choir anthem “Adoration” (arr. Tom Fettke)

Doxology – Blue #811 “Send Out Your Light and Your Truth

Sermon: "A Ministry of Alabaster Jars."

Sermon Text:

Psalms 66:13-20

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Mark 14:1-9

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

The Anointing at Bethany

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Communion Liturgy- (See insert)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **We are offering Gluten-free bread only*

Communion Song – Green #249 *"Remembering With Love and Hope"*

Closing Song – Blue #568 *"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"* (v1, 2, 4)

Benediction