

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

March 15, 2026 Healing Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let us be in the light, as he is in the light

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.

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 #200 "Lord, Who Throughout" (verse 1, 2, 3)

Call to Confession

Lent is a time for us all to look within and be honest about the brokenness 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 as you did the Israelites, 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.

~St. Patrick

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – [Choir Anthem] “Irish Blessing” (Joyce Bacak)

Doxology – Blue #839 “God Be With You”

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Title: Letting Go During Lent Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:” ‘He will command his angels concerning you and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and

worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Emil	John	Endre & Dexter	Those who are caregivers
Moises & Family	Bob	Maddie	Those dealing with illness
Jim & Cindy	Brandon & Geroge		Those who are grieving

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- “*The Breastplate of St Patrick*”

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 # 532 “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Benediction