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## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

March 22, 2026

10:00 am

### Welcome

**Christ Candle:** *And God said, "Let there be light." and there was light. May his light continue to shine in the world and in our lives today.*

### Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same.

**May his name be praised.**

We have not gathered here today out of custom or any kind of obligation,

**We have gathered here because Jesus is risen from the dead.**

Because Jesus rose from the dead,

**We believe that light always pierces the darkness, life always overcomes death, hope overcomes despair, and love conquers hate.**

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 #359**     *"O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ"*

**Call to Confession** During this season of lent, we reflect on the person of Jesus: who he is, how he lived, what he taught, why he died and what it means that he rose from the dead. In this season of death and resurrection, we also reflect on our own lives, and recognize what needs to die within us so that we can truly rise and live again. Join me in this confession litany. You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent.

**You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden.**

You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way.

**When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.

**When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.**

Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul who gave these words of hope to people living in Rome, 2000 years ago. "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Friends, may the 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. By showing us how to love, we have learned to love. Hear these words from The Apostle Paul as he writes about love in 1 Corinthians 13. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never dies. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Friends, this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering**

**Offertory-** *"The Way of the Cross"* (Matt Redman)

**Doxology – Green #74** *" Surely It is God Who Saves Me"*

### **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: From *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 guide and grace abounds.

**Closing Song – Green #77** *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* (verse 1 and 2)

**Benediction**