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## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 12, 2026

10:00 am Eastertide

**The Christ Candle:** *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

### Call to Worship

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

Who is it that you seek? **We seek the Lord our God.**

Do you seek Him with all your heart? **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek Him with all your soul and mind and strength?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

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# 240** *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* (verses 1-3)

### Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we can be honest about the brokenness in the world and the brokenness in ourselves. And we can come before him today because we know that he meets us in love, grace, and mercy. When I say the words, “Lord hear our prayer,” you may respond, “Lord, have mercy. “Holy God, you are a mystery greater than our minds can comprehend. And yet, you have come to us in Jesus and he invites us to follow him. Even with this invitation, we often make our own way.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord have mercy.**

We are invited to live a life of love, yet at times we bring hate or indifference.

**We are invited to live a life of peace, yet at times we add to the conflict.**

We are invited to live a life of justice, yet we allow injustice and corruption to rule.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

We come, hesitant, yet drawn by your love.

Immerse us in the waters of your grace.

**Let us find strength at the communion table.**

**Pour your Holy Spirit upon us.**

**Teach us to love one another with the love of Christ.**

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

Friends, the mercy of God and love of God changes our lives forever.

In the waters of our baptism, God declares: "You are my beloved child."

Now we are community, called to flood our world with the love we have received.

This week, whenever anyone or anything makes you feel small or insignificant or alone, remember your baptism and live into your calling. It is the gift of God's grace for you.

Friends, the Lord 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 of God. Our lives are shaped by the life of Jesus. Hear this meditation by St. Teresa of Avila and remember

them as we live the way of Jesus in the word. Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

**Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,**

**Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.**

**Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,**

**Yours are the eyes, you are his body.**

Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

**Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.**

**Profession of Faith** : Faith Taylor

**Announcements**

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

**Offering**

**Offertory (Choir anthem)**

**Doxology – Blue #238**      *"Because He Lives"*      (refrain only)

**Scripture Passage:** Luke 15:11-32

**Sermon:** The Gospel Part 1

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ““My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

**Our Shared Faith: Our World Belongs to God** While justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love. With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom.

**Closing Song** – “*Amazing Grace*” (My Chains Are Gone) (screens)

**Benediction**