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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 19, 2026 Healing Service Eastertide
10:00 am

The Christ Candle: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life so I don't have to be afraid.

Welcome

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 138 and written by Christine Longhurst

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people.

When we call out to You, You answer.

When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on.

When we find ourselves in trouble,

You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before You with gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives.

Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples.

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 #254 *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

Call to Confession We can come before God today in honesty about our brokenness, the ways we fall short, and the sin in our lives. When we open up our hearts to God, we encounter him and he meets us in his grace and love. Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to its people.

When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us. Help us to hear you speaking to us, reminding us of our dignity and worth, telling us that we are loved

Help us to hear your voice as you encourage us to love one another.

In the knowledge of this love work through us to bring your justice, compassion, and reconciliation to the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance Our lives are not defined or determined by our brokenness. Our lives are defined by God's grace and love. Hear these words of forgiveness, love and assurance from Psalm 103.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.** As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; **for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.** Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

Living the Way of Jesus As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by his life. By reading The Gospels, we see what it means to live lives of love, peace and justice. In Matthew 25, Jesus gave us a picture of what it looks like to serve the world in his final teaching before his death. Jesus said, **"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."** His followers asked, "When did we see you in need like this?" **Jesus replied, "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."** Friends, let us go and live lives of love, mercy, and compassion. And all God's people said, **Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory [Choir Anthem] *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* (Mark Andrews)

Doxology Blue #819 *"Let the Words of My Mouth"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

Sermon: The Gospel Part 2 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 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 fails...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Jerry	Struwe Family	Foester Family	Those who are caregivers
Moises & Family	O'Neill Family	Ermond & family	Those dealing with illness
Dunitz family	Terry & Colleen	Elaine	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 Heart of Worship” (Matt Redman)

Closing Song – “Blessed Be Your Name” (Matt & Beth Redman)

Benediction