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## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 10, 2026

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- Screens**      *"Sing a New Song"*

**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)**

*"Adoration"*

(Tom Fettke)

**Doxology – Green #19**

*"Holy, Holy Holy, My Heart"*

**Scripture: Philippians 1:12-26****Sermon: Progress and Joy**

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

**Our Shared Faith: From Our World Belongs to God, Article 41**

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

**Closing Song – Green #223***“Shout to the Lord”***Benediction**