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## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 17, 2026, Healing Service

10:00 am

**Welcome and Christ Candle:** *May the light of Christ be within you and around you.  
May the light of Christ lead you and guide you, wherever you may go.*

### **Call to Worship from Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

**the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

**the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

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- Green #268**

*“Here I Am Lord”*

### **Call to Confession**

The Belhar Confession was written in South Africa in the 1980's and it is a call to the worldwide church to stand together for unity, reconciliation and justice. Say these words with me:

**The Living God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.**

that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

**that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**

that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

**God, forgive us for our indifference, our lack of compassion, and our silence. Give us the eyes to see that we all share a common humanity. Help us to see people in**

**their suffering, to have hearts for mercy and justice, and the will to make a difference.** Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Friends hear these Words of Assurance today: God never stops working in our lives. He saved us and continues to save us. He restored us and continues to restore us. He makes our hearts more like his and always will. Join me in saying what the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans chapter 8, **“neither death nor life, neither height nor depth, neither the present nor the future, nor anything else in all of creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.”**

Friends the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Living the Way of Jesus**

Once we understand that we are loved, then we can love. When we experience peace, then we can bring peace, and once we realize that we have received mercy, we can better show mercy. This is what love looks like. Join me in this litany from The Message Version of 1 Corinthians 13.

**Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.**

Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always “me first,” Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel,

**Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.**

**Love never dies.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(From *The Message Version of 1 Corinthians 13*)

### **Announcements**

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

**Offering**

**Offertory- [Choir Anthem]**      *“Fly Like a Bird”*      (Ken Canedo)

**Doxology- Screens**      *“Praise God From Whom All Blessing a Flow”*

**Sermon Text: Philippians 2:1-11:**

**Sermon Title: Learning To Serve Others** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-

minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Prayers for Healing and Hope

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| Emil                | Those who are caregivers   |
| The O’Neil Family   | Those dealing with illness |
| The Manegold Family | 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-** “I Can Only Imagine”

**Closing Song – Blue# 486** “There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”

**Benediction**