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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 31, 2026, Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

Lighting the Christ Candle

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Call to Worship

Come all who are weary of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division

Come all who are carrying something

with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

Hear these words: “See, I am making all things new.” 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 #2 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* (verses 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we can be honest about the brokenness and in in the world and 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. “Seeking peace in a broken world, but also knowing God’s peace through God’s presence, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain, but also feeling God’s peace through healing, prayer, and those who help, we pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace through our distress, depression and fear, but also feeling God’s peace through the words of loved ones and the hope we see in the world, we pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Join me in this litany for the words of hope and assurance of grace from Psalm 145.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Hear the word of the Lord in Jesus: 'Your sins are forgiven!' Friends, the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped and formed by his love, by his peace, by his life. As our lives are changed, we bring that love, peace and justice into the world. Join me in saying this responsive reading of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes He said: **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Friends, this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us go and live out love and peace and help alleviate suffering wherever we go.

Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory- [Choir Anthem] *"Endless Is Your Love"*

Doxology – Blue #238 *"Because He Lives"*

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon: Made In The Image of Community

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,¹ do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all

wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” Very well,” they answered, “do as you say. “So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh. “But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Our Shared Faith: From *The Athanasian Creed*

we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal. What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being. Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being. **Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.** Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. **So in everything... we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity.**

Closing Song- Blue #21 *“How Great Thou Art”*

Benediction