

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

July 19, 2026, Healing Service

10:00 am

Christ Candle: May the light of Christ be near us when we rise and when we go to sleep. May the light be within us and surround us, on our right and on our left. -Inspired by the prayer of St. Patrick

Call to Worship

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations and peoples all faiths and no faith
**reveal yourself to those who are suffering, reveal yourself to all who are refugees,
reveal yourself to those who are powerful, reveal yourself to all who are
powerless,**

reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives,

that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, may your name be praised.

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 #447

"Seek Ye First"

Call to Confession

*As we come before God today, we remember that we share these words together
because we are all in this together. We share the same pain and heartache in the world
and we share the same grace and restoration.*

Our call to confession is from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great
compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from
my sin.

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not
cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain
me.**

Words of Assurance

With God there is always forgiveness and restoration. We experience grace and peace through his love. Hear and say these from our baptism liturgy.

For us, Jesus Christ came into the world.

For us he lived and showed God's love.

For us he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary.

For us he uttered the cry "It is Finished."

For us he rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and there he intercedes for us

All of this was done for us, even if we don't know it yet.

But as the church, we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

We love because God first loved us.

May this be true for you today. Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are formed and shaped by the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our lives are formed his love, his compassion, and the grace and peace we have received.

Let's reflect on these words from the final teaching of Jesus before his death. It is a parable found in Matthew 25.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **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.**' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, **'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.** Friends, this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Let us go together and show love, compassion, and mercy to all.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory- Screens

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Ascend the Hill)

Doxology- Blue #808*“Praise God From All Blessings Flow”***Sermon Text:** Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 “Beneath the Surface”

Sermon Title: “Do all the good you can.by all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as you ever can.” - John Wesley

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Nancy	Lindsey & Family	Those who are caregivers
Moises & Family	Carole & Jeff	Those dealing with illness
Linda & Family	Tom	Those who are grieving
Mary	Patti	Jim

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 Breastplate of St Patrick”* (Bob Halligan, Jr., Sarah Hart)

Our Shared Faith: Our World Belongs to God

In our world, many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

Closing Song –Screens *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

Benediction