

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

July 26, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome

Christ Candle: *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Call to Worship

Christ calls us to come to worship

To rest from the things that are troubling us

To learn what Christ can teach of life

To realize what we can offer to others

And so to return into the world to serve

Let us worship God.

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 #535 *"Day By Day"*

Prayer of Confession

For our time of corporate confession today, I am going to lead us in a prayer and I invite you to join me for the second half.

Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness and in doing so give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.

Spirit of God open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and as forgiven people, seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love, modeled on the example of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Friends, here these words of hope and assurance today! Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.

Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Alleluia! Amen.**

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

Jesus gave us an incredibly tangible picture of how to serve the world and live lives of mercy and compassion. He ended a parable in Matthew 25 by saying, 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 answered 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?' Jesus replied, '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.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – "Canon of Praise" **In Memory of Our Parents-Anna and Anton Stark, and Lily and Samuel Glassford. Given by: Jean and Cas Stark**

Featuring: Caroline Winter, Leslee Ferrey, Keith Williams

Doxology – Blue #808 *"Praise God From All Blessings Flow"*

Scripture: Kings 18: 20-24, Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14, Luke 9: 51 – 62

Sermon: "Pick Up Your Mantle"

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." *-Corrie Ten Boom*

Our Shared Faith: Our World Belongs to God

While justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love. With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom.

Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ— the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Closing Song – Green #268 *“Here I Am, Lord”*

Benediction