

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

August 9, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome

Christ Candle *May the light of Christ surround us and be found within us this day. May he give light to our path, showing us the way.*

Call to Worship

God, who created us in love,

Create us anew in love as we worship you.

Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

Reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

Holy Spirit, who moves this world forward and brings us all together,

Move within us as we worship you.

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 #41 *"He Is Exalted"*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Our prayer of confession gives us an opportunity to open our hearts and our lives, acknowledging and naming the ways in which we fall short. By praying these words together, we see that we are not alone and we don't have to feel isolated. We also see how God greets us in love and mercy. When I say, "Lord, hear our prayer," you may respond, "Lord have mercy."

Creator God, You created us to be whole people.

But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, shattered trust.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin: prejudice, oppression and fear.

We have been building up walls instead of lending hands. Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where we have been hurt.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord have mercy.**

Let Your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world, showing that in You we are made whole.

In You we find healing. In You we find renewed life. Help us to forgive, to love, to mend. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon

As we are honest about our brokenness and how we are effected by sin, let's also remember that we are forgiven by God and have new life in the name of Jesus. Say these words with me this morning:

God is the Potter; we are the Clay. When we are cracked and broken, God helps to bring us back together. Sometimes we don't feel the same afterwards, but God uses every piece and offers us the newness of life to begin again. Friends may the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

As we live our lives shaped by the grace and peace of God, join me in saying these words from Jesus of Nazareth which he spoke to his followers two thousand years ago.

"You are the light of the world and you are the salt of the earth. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. As we live out the way of Jesus, may we be a source of healing and restoration in our families, communities, and the world. And all God's people said:

Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – "Even Unto Death" (Audrey Assad & Matt Maher)

Doxology – Blue #353 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11 & Matthew 11:26-30

Sermon: "Give It a Rest"

Our Shared Faith: *Our World Belongs to God*

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, 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 abound. **Amen**

Closing Song – Screens *“How Great Is Our God”*

Benediction