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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

September 13, 2026

10:00 am

Christ Candle: *As we experience the presence of the light of the world, may we become the light of the world.*

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

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- *“Blessed Be Your Name” see insert*

Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we are bringing our whole selves. Our beauty and brokenness, our potential and our flaws. Lord Jesus, you know that we are hungry for many things, acceptance and recognition, meaning and purpose, a sign that we are valuable. **We are hungry for love. It is so easy to fill ourselves with other things, to pursue the love of money, to follow vain desires.**

In a world of great inequality, give us thankful acceptance of the gift of life, and recognition of the common wealth that we share together. **Teach us the meaning of contentment with enough and a purpose not in our own needs alone but in the needs of others.** You have given us such worth; fill us with your love, show us what really satisfies.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words from Romans 8:

There is no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the**

present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ, we are forgiven. Friends, the Lord be with you. And also with you. Amen.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by the grace and peace that comes from the love of God. His love overflows into our lives, so say these words from 1 Corinthians 13. **Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.** Friends, this is the word of the lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

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

Offertory – (indoor only) *"Here I Am to Worship"*

Doxology – Green #79 *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* see insert

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, 2:7-8

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 2:7-8

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

Our Shared Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes
me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Closing Song – Blue #356 vs 1,3,5 *“All Creatures of Our God and King” see insert*

Benediction