

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH
September 20, 2026, Healing Service
10:00 am

Christ Candle: *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it. -John 1*

Welcome

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- Screens *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we can be honest about the brokenness in the world and the brokenness 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

Hear these 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 changed by the life of Jesus of Nazareth. When we see the way he loved, we become more loving. When we see how he reached out to those on the fringes, we begin to reach out. When we see how he lived a life of compassion, we begin to see the world with that same compassion. In his final teaching before his death, he told a story about mercy and love, where he identified with people in desperate need. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, '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.' **'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?'** '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- Choir Anthem *"The Gift of Love"* (Hal Hopson)

Doxology- Blue #379 verse 1 *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

Scripture Passage: Genesis 2:15-25; 3:20

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

The Briggs Family	Sandy
Hattie	The Bush Family
Edie	Don
Bill T.	Evan Maletsky
The Winter Family	Those who are caregivers
Evelyn & Family	Those dealing with illness
George Lissauer	Those who are grieving

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- “Fly Like a Bird”

Closing Song –Blue #52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Benediction