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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 1, 2026, Communion

10:00 am

Welcome

Christ Candle: *As we experience the light of Christ, may we become the light of Christ, wherever we may go.*

Call to Worship by Christine Longhurst

Lord, the eyes of all look to you in hope; and You give them what they need.

You open your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to you again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life,

to drink from your life-giving streams, to taste your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds;

may it strengthen our relationship with you, and renew our commitment to live in this

world as your faithful disciples. **For you alone are God, the source and sustainer of**

life. 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 #245

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Call to Confession by Greg Scheer

God calls us into the desert, but we follow reluctantly.

Let us confess our brokenness and commit ourselves to following the path God has chosen for us.

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, like Israel before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes. **Yet we are less trusting when you**

lead us into the desert: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining. Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us.

Forgive our complaining along the way. Forgive the times we've stumbled when the

journey was long and hard. **Deliver us from our Egypt. Lead us on our unexpected journeys. Sustain us in our deserts. Bring us to our promised lands.** Lord, hear our

prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Assurance

The same God who delivered Israel from her slavery is the God who delivers us from our slavery to sin. God has made a way to freedom through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! The same God who gave Israel a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night is the God who sent the Spirit to lead and to guide. Let us follow with joy!

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

And the Table Will Be Wide

Friends, today we will join together in communion at the Lord's Table. At this table we experience generosity, acceptance, and grace. And we become more generous, more accepting, and more gracious. Let's say and reflect on this mediation together.

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in. **And our hearts will open wide to receive.** And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will come unhindered and free. **And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.** And we will open our hands to the feast without shame. And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will give up our appetite for despair. **And we will taste and know of delight.** And we will become bread for a hungering world. And we will become drink for those who thirst. **And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.** And all God's people said, **Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory –Choir Anthem *"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

Doxology – Blue #837 *"God Be in My Head"*

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-15

Sermon: There Are No Outsiders

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. The king of Jericho was told, "Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land." So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land." But the woman had taken the two men and

hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. “Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.” “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.” So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.

Communion Liturgy- (See insert)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper **We are offering Gluten-free bread only**

Communion Song –Matt Solo *“You Alone”*

Closing Song –Blue #22 *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

Benediction