

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 18, 2026, Healing Service

10:00 am

The Christ Candle: *May the light of Christ surround us. May the light of Christ guide us on our way. May this light be within you and around you. May the light of Christ lead us home. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Living God, we have known your presence. We have lived in your love. Show us your glory. Reveal your glory in us. **We will carry your glory from here. We will show it to all the world. Amen.** Lord let our souls rise to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun. **Glory to The Father and to The Sun and to The Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

Opening Song- Blue #514 *"Blessed Assurance"*

Call to Confession

As we come to God this morning, we are reminded that we don't have to hide from the God who created us, we can bring our joy and our sorrow, our love and our shame, knowing that he will meet us there in love and grace. Here these words from Psalm 51, and when I say, "We pray to the Lord," feel free to respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. We pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.** Bring your kingdom to this broken world. We need renewal and restoration in our communities and countries. Bring your justice and mercy to all of our systems Forgive us for being bystanders and spectators. We pray to the Lord, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Words of Assurance

The living God meets you where you are at and meets the world in love. He is bringing restoration and reconciliation to your life and he is not leaving this world as it is. Friends, your sins and our sins are forgiven. The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

In this time of division and anxiety, let us once again be a people who follow Jesus in the world! These words are the beginning of The Sermon on The Mount in Matthew 5.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn, **for they will be comforted.** Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.** Blessed are the merciful, **for they will be shown**

mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.** Blessed are the

peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.** Blessed are those who are

persecuted because of righteousness, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Friends, this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory- Choir Anthem *"Psalm 23" (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)*

Doxology-Blue #238 *"Because He Lives"*

Scripture: Genesis 16

Sermon: The Gift of Being Seen

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility

toward all his brothers.” She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.” That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered. So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Janet	Evan Maletsky
The Spinnanger Family	Nancy Shimmel
The Bush Family	Todd
Jessica	Rocio & family
Nicole & Don	Those who are caregivers
The Winter Family	Those dealing with illness
PL student	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-Green #185 “On Eagle’s Wings”

Our Shared Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 18

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 road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom.

Closing Song –Blue #484 “Old Rugged Cross”

Benediction