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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 25, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome

The Christ Candle: *The first thing God says in the bible: "Let there be light." And there was light. And that lot has always pierced the darkness.*

Call to Worship

We are called to love the Lord our God **We are called to love with all our heart and soul** We are called to love the Lord our God **We are called to love with all our mind and strength** We are called to love the Lord our God **And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.** Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship! 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 *"God of Wonders"*

Confession: *The Communion of Saints*

As we come before God today, this prayer of confession centers around the idea of the communion of saints in The Apostles' Creed. Let's pray. You are our God and we are Your people, and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own. You have set us in the company of saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to Your goodness and Your truth. **Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward.** You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid

- afraid of a future we cannot control;
- afraid of losing health and independence
- afraid for the well-being of our children
- afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears. **Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads,** confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace. We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord have mercy.**

Words of Assurance and Hope: A Celtic Blessing

For our words of assurance today, say this blessing with me:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you in the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again through our doors. Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus:

Our lives are shaped and changed by the life of Jesus. Our prayer today is that we become deeper, more compassionate people. Our prayer is that we bring a presence of peace wherever we go. Join me in this responsive reading and prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: **where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, **to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Announcements

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

Offertory – “The Irish Blessing” (Joyce Bacak)
Given by Lois Bobrowski “In memory of my son – J.T. Murphy”

Doxology –Blue #819 “Let the Words of My Mouth”

Sermon Text: Exodus 15:1-4, 11, 16-21

Sermon: Learning from Miriam

The Song of Moses and Miriam

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. “The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. Who among the gods is like you, LORD?

Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone—until your people pass by, LORD, until the people you bought pass by. You will bring them in and plant them

on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established. “The LORD reigns for ever and ever. ”When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.”

Our Shared Faith: From *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ ,the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He will come again with glory His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Closing Song – Screens *“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)*

Benediction