

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 4, 2026 World Communion Sunday

10:00 am

The Christ Candle: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world and whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Call to Worship for World Communion Sunday

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine. **We gather with them in heart and mind.** Around the world the broken body is made whole. **As part of that body we join in its unity.** Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table. **We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.** Let us worship together, let us share God’s bounty. 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.**

Opening Song- Green #247 vs. 1-3 “Table of Plenty”

Missionaries: Abraham and Sayuri Kist-Okazaki and Denise Kingdom

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Call to Confession

On World Communion Sunday, we step back from our local community of Pompton Reformed Church and see that we are part of a global church and we are connected to followers of Jesus from different languages, races, traditions, and economic status. The church is not bound by political affiliation or nationality. The community of believers transcends our earthly categories. Let’s pray. God you have created a global church and your heart is for the world. **Forgive us when we focus on ourselves, when we are near-sighted, and when we lose perspective.** Lord hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.** May this time when we partake of the body and blood of Jesus unite us in the community of saints who know your love and proclaim your Son with fervor and grace to a broken and hurting world. **As people who have been fed, May we go now to feed the world. As those who have been given hope, bring hope in place of despair. May God help us to do so.** Lord hear our prayer. **Christ, give us both strength and compassion.**

Words of Assurance: An Affirmation of Unity

Friends, may you remember these words and be guided by this grace: We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. **Together may we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.** May the peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus from *Our World Belongs to God*

Because we follow Jesus with other believers around the world, we recognize we are part of something so much greater than ourselves. Our Church here in Pompton Lakes is connected to churches in every nation and on every continent. And together we serve the world. The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. **Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace. Amen.**

Missionaries: Mark and Deb Wilson and Mephibosheth Training Center

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Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – (Choir Anthem) *“Sanctus”*

This anthem is given by Jeff & Carole Romaine: "In loving memory of our parents Anne & Gilbert Sinkway and Anna & William Romaine."

Doxology – Green #19 vs. 1-3 *“Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart”*

Mission: Urban Promise

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Scripture Reading : Genesis 12:1-5

Sermon: The Journey Is Not For You Alone

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Mission: Oasis

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Reflection Before Communion: And the Table Will Be Wide By Jan L. Richardson
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 hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast.

Communion Liturgy- (See insert)

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

Communion Song – (Choir) *“I Am the Bread of Life”* (John Michael Talbot)

Closing Song – (Screens) *“Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo”*

Benediction