TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH
November 8, 2026
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
Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water. **This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.** Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.
So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, **and let the God of life satisfy our souls.** We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes arid land blossom and flourish.
As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.
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:
We hope for unity and peace: In our world, in our country and in our families. But at times we are not peacemakers. Instead of reconciliation and forgiveness, we add to the division and contempt that we have for one another. Let's bring all of this before God.
Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, **we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.**
We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.
We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other.
Even now, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.
Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Words of Assurance
Hear these words of assurance today from Psalm 103:
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love toward those who fear him; and as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
For he knows how we were formed; he remembers that we are dust.
The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts today.
May you feel the healing presence of God in your lives and accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord.
Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus: The Peace Prayer of St. Francis
As a community, we live our lives, shaped by this grace and peace from God. Join me in this responsive reflection of The Peace Prayer of St. Francis, written 800 years ago.
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 – Choir Anthem *"Prayer of St Francis"*

Doxology –Blue #447 *"Seek Ye First"*

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-7
Sermon: Called For A Purpose
On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of

all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

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 – Blue #532 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Benediction