

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

2783 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

(718-597-6298) cotm47@verizon.net

Rev. Dr. Melva J. Hayden, Pastor

(646-321-2380) therevlaw@aol.com

WWW.COTMBRONX.ORG

*Welcome to the Church of the Master as we gather for worship
and Christian fellowship this morning.*

*Welcome to worship today. Happy Father's Day to dads -
and to other men who care for children in loving ways.*

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day

June 21, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*For fathers and other good and faithful men in our lives,
We give you thanks, O Father-God.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #488 - "God of Our Fathers"*

Call to Worship: (responsively)

God is here to meet us; glorify God's name. God welcomes us; put your trust in God.

**WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE. WE HONOR GOD'S STEADFAST
LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS.**

God reveals to us the gift of love as He calls us His family. God's grace is our help and our shield.

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S SAVING WORK. WE REJOICE IN HIS GOODNESS
THAT SEEKS OUR HIGHEST GOOD.**

Our Creator seeks to establish His fellowship in community with us. God calls us to be a reconciling people and family of faith.

**WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME, GOD IS PRESENT TO
STRENGTHEN AND UPHOLD. LET US PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM. AMEN**

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

GRACIOUS GOD, WE HEAR YOU CALL US AND WE HAVE ANSWERED. YET OFTEN, WE HAVE GONE OUR OWN WAY, IGNORING THE PATHS YOU BID US TRAVEL AND THE WORK YOU WOULD HAVE US DO. WHILE WE OFTEN CONSIDER OURSELVES TO BE GOOD PEOPLE, DESERVING SPECIAL FAVOR, WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS PUT YOU FIRST IN OUR LIVES. IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, WE CAN BECOME CONCEITED AND SELFISH. SEEING OURSELVES IN THE MIRROR OF CHRIST, WE BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT WE FALL SHORT OF YOUR GRACE AND FEEL WE DO NOT DESERVE YOUR FORGIVENESS. WE ARE NOT WORTHY OF THE LOVE YOU OFFER AND THE ACCEPTANCE YOU EXTEND. MAY WE, THROUGH THIS PRAYER AND HONEST CONFESSION, KNOW THAT YOUR LOVE IS GIVEN TO EACH OF US DESPITE OUR SINS. IT IS YOUR GRACE THAT BRINGS US HOME, AS THE PRODIGAL WHO RETURNED TO THE ACCEPTING ARMS OF HIS FATHER. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #133 - "Faith of Our Fathers"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21 (vv.8-10,11-13,14-16,17-19)

Matthew 10:24-39 (vv.24-26,27-29,30-32,33,37-39)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Reveals How Our Heavenly Father Watches Over the Sparrow and Unleashes Confidence that He Watches Over Us!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #56 - "This Is My Father's World"*

Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Theo Beksha * Rosa Guido * Tia Blake * Lester * Kenneth Lewis * Lynn Koester * Kathryn Ingram * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Carol & Mark Cintron * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

42 nurses laid off at Montefiore Hospital * Rob & family * Cintron family * Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Beginning Sunday, July 5th thru Sunday, September 6th, our worship service will begin at 10:00 AM, preceded by prayer and praises at 9:50AM

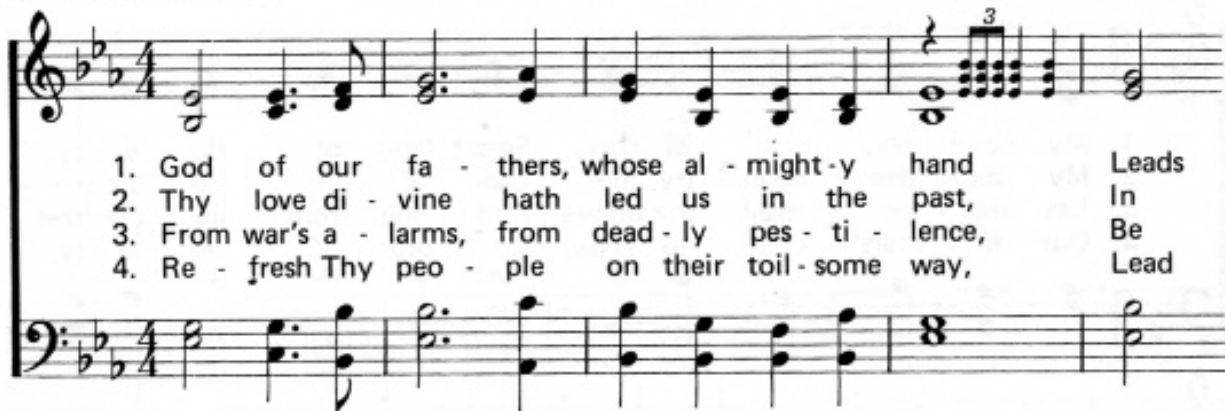
CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,

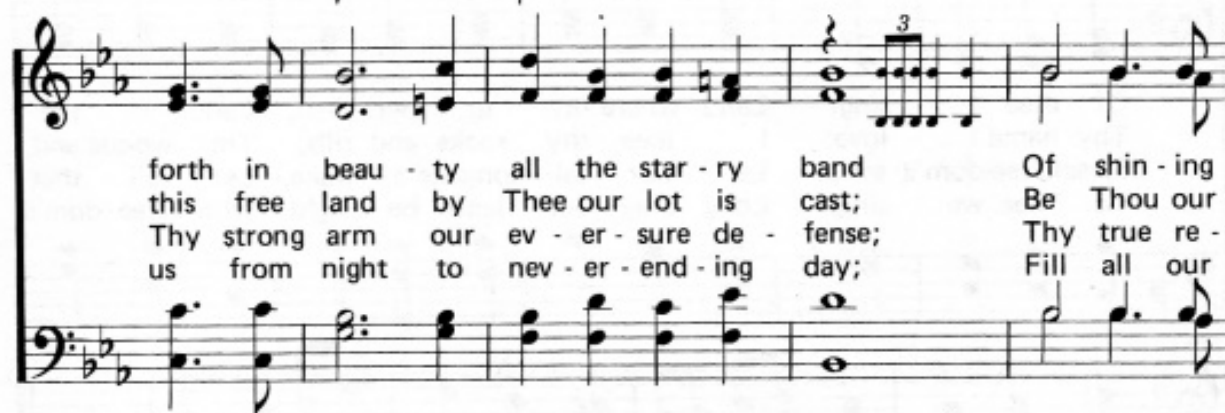
488 — God of Our Fathers

DANIEL C. ROBERTS

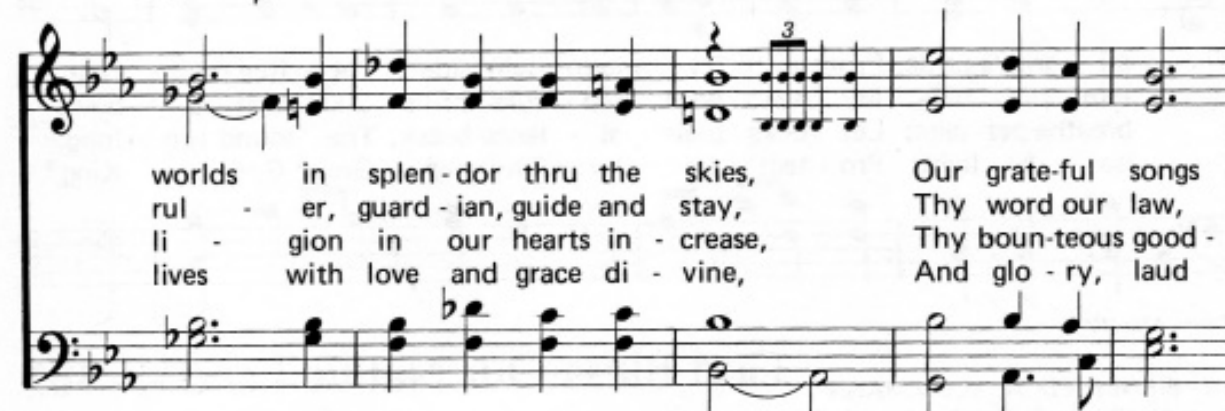
GEORGE W. WARREN



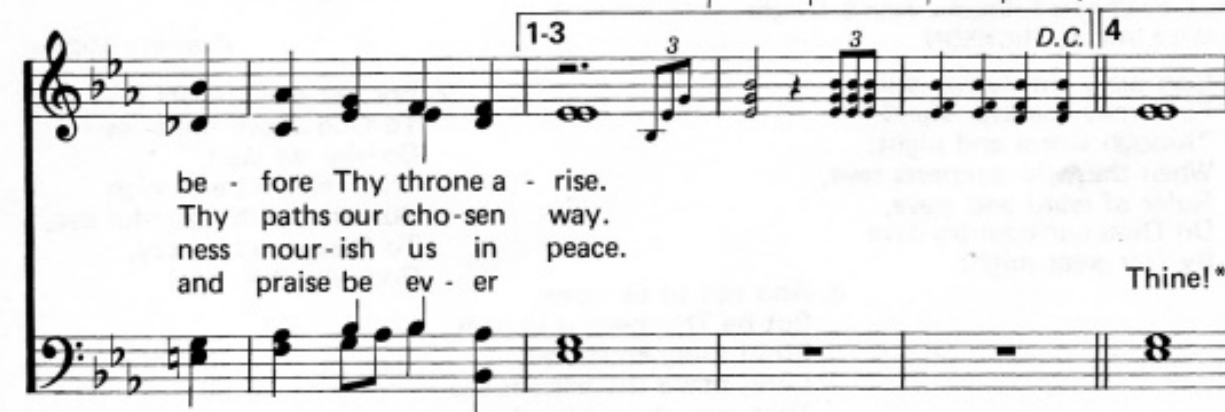
1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand Leads
 2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past, In
 3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence, Be
 4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way, Lead



forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band Of shin - ing
 this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our
 Thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de - fense; Thy true re -
 us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; Fill all our



worlds in splen - dor thru the skies, Our grate - ful songs
 rul - er, guard - ian, guide and stay, Thy word our law,
 li - gion in our hearts in - crease, Thy boun - teous good -
 lives with love and grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud



be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
 Thy paths our cho - sen way.
 ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and praise be ev - er Thine!*

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Faith of Our Fathers — 133

FREDERICK W. FABER

HENRI F. HEMY

Adapted by James G. Walton

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still In spite of
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in
3. Faith of our fa - thers, we will love Both friend and

dun - geon, fire and sword— O how our hearts beat high with
heart and con - science free; How sweet would be their chil - dren's
foe in all our strife; And preach thee too, as love knows

joy When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
fate If they, like them, could die for thee! Faith of our
how, By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.

fa - thers, ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death!*

Tune: ST. CATHERINE

THE CHURCH

Genesis 21: 8-21 (v. 8-10, 11-13, 14-16, 17 –19)

Matthew 10: 24-39 (vv. 24-25, 27-29, 30-32, 33, 37-29)

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring^[a] will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she^[b] began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ **but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.**

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

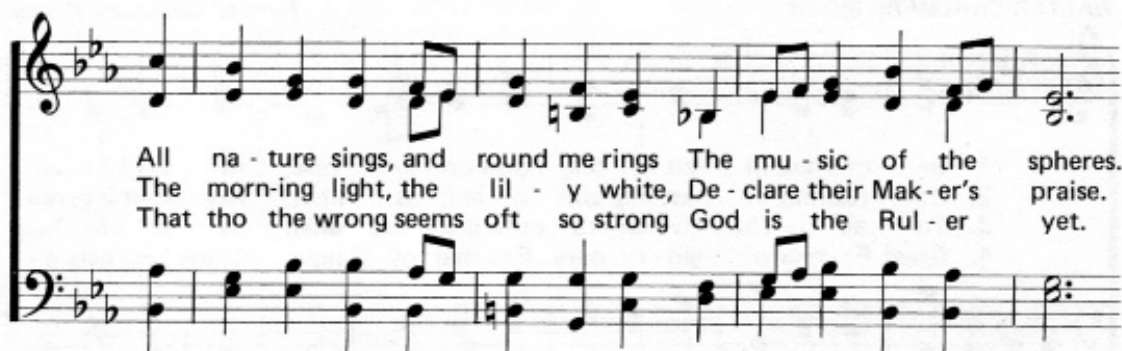
56 — This Is My Father's World

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

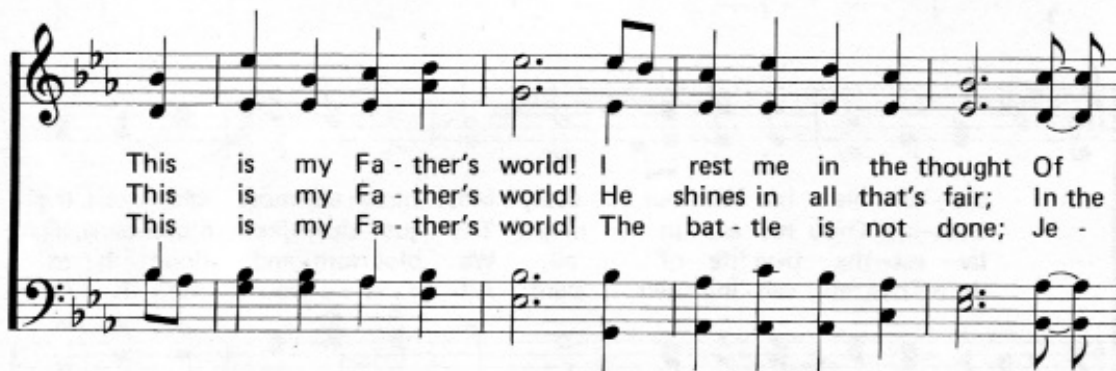
FRANKLIN L. SHEPPARD



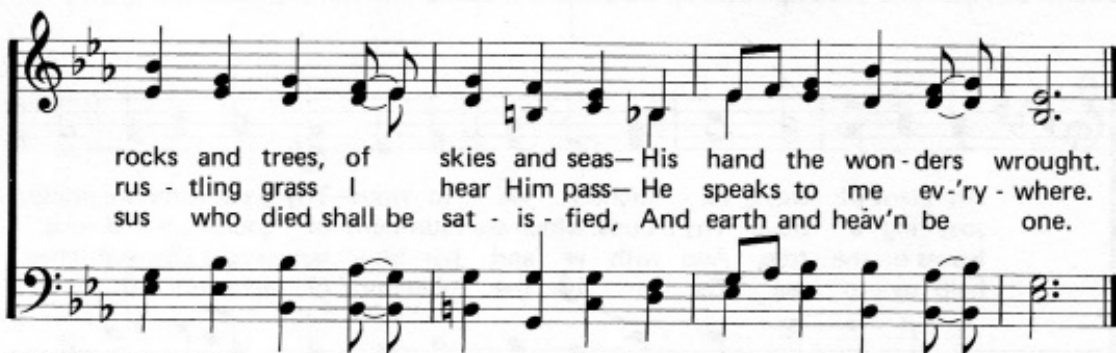
1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my list - 'ning ears
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world— The birds their car - ols raise;
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world— O let me ne'er for - get



All na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 That tho the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world! I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world! He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world! The bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear Him pass— He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heāvn be one.

Tune: TERRA BEATA
 WORSHIP: THE FATHER

Arr. © Singspiration 1966. All rights reserved.