Order of Worship for November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



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Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson is a church for all people, each of us being unique and created in the image of God.

We believe God's unconditional love and grace, as revealed through Jesus Christ, does not distinguish among God's people based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ability, or disability.

All are children of God, and all are welcome with joy in our Sanctuary. We strive to provide an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: "Variations on Chorale Tune 'Hail to You o Jesus'" (1700) Trish Waters, pianist
arranged by Franz Murschhauser

Call to Worship (responsive) from *Ministry Matters*

One: Are you ready to worship?
All: We believe that we are.
One: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God's word.
All: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.
One: The Lord comes to you this day.
All: Thanks be to God for God's abiding presence and promise.

*Gathering Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (#487)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison) from *Ministry Matters*

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Children's Message

Sermon: "Those Who Have Hope"
A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" (#452)

Affirmation of Faith: The UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit,
who is made known to us in Jesus our brother,
and to whose deeds we testify:
God calls the worlds into being,
creates humankind in the divine image,
and sets before us the ways of life and death.
God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
God has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.
God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
God calls us into the church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be servants in the service of the whole human family,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.
God promises to all who trust in the gospel
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

For those attending remotely or preferring to give digitally, offerings may be made in three ways:

- *Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com*
- *Online giving at https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239*
- *Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706*

Offertory: "Pastorale" by Domenico Scarlatti — Trish Waters, pianist

*Doxology (#592):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison) — from Ministry Matters

Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer response after each petition:
One: O God of love and mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Our time of prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (#379)

*Blessing and Benediction

*Musical Benediction: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin (insert)

Those attending in person are invited to the Fraser Room for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise
Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our lector and liturgist team is Jiney Asthappan and Jacob Yenik. Our musician today is Trish Waters. Prema Samuel is teaching Sunday School.

The next **Consistory meeting** will take place, Sunday, November 15, at 12pm in the Fellowship House.

Considering Membership? This fall, we'll hold an informal gathering for any visitors and friends who are interested in considering making FRC your official church home! You're welcome to attend whether you're a brand-new visitor or have been attending for years. Please let Pastor Emily know if you'd like to take part by emailing revemilybrown@gmail.com

Food Drive & Four on Farragut Gathering | Saturday, November 21st, 12pm: The four congregations that worship at First Church will be collecting donations for Hastings Food Pantry. The pantry has requested baking ingredients such as cake mixes, dry ingredients (flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking soda, baking powder…), cooking oil, spices, chocolate chips, canned pumpkin, and the like. Donations may be dropped off in the bin by the church office. All are welcome to gather at noon on Saturday November 21 to connect with our neighbors from CCCW, NYCC, and Mishkan Ha'am as we enjoy lunch and sort and pack the donations together.

January Bible Study with Temple Beth Shalom | *The Bible With and Without Jesus* | Wednesdays in January, 9:30-11am: In this four-part interfaith course, Rabbi Daniel Reiser and Reverend Emily Brown will explore the interpretive traditions that have shaped Jewish and Christian readings of Scripture. We will consider not only what these traditions say about the Bible, but what they reveal about the ways our two communities understand God, covenant, messiah, and one another. Along the way, we will discover both surprising differences and meaningful points of connection.

For more information about First Reformed Church, scan this QR code to go to www.frchoh.org

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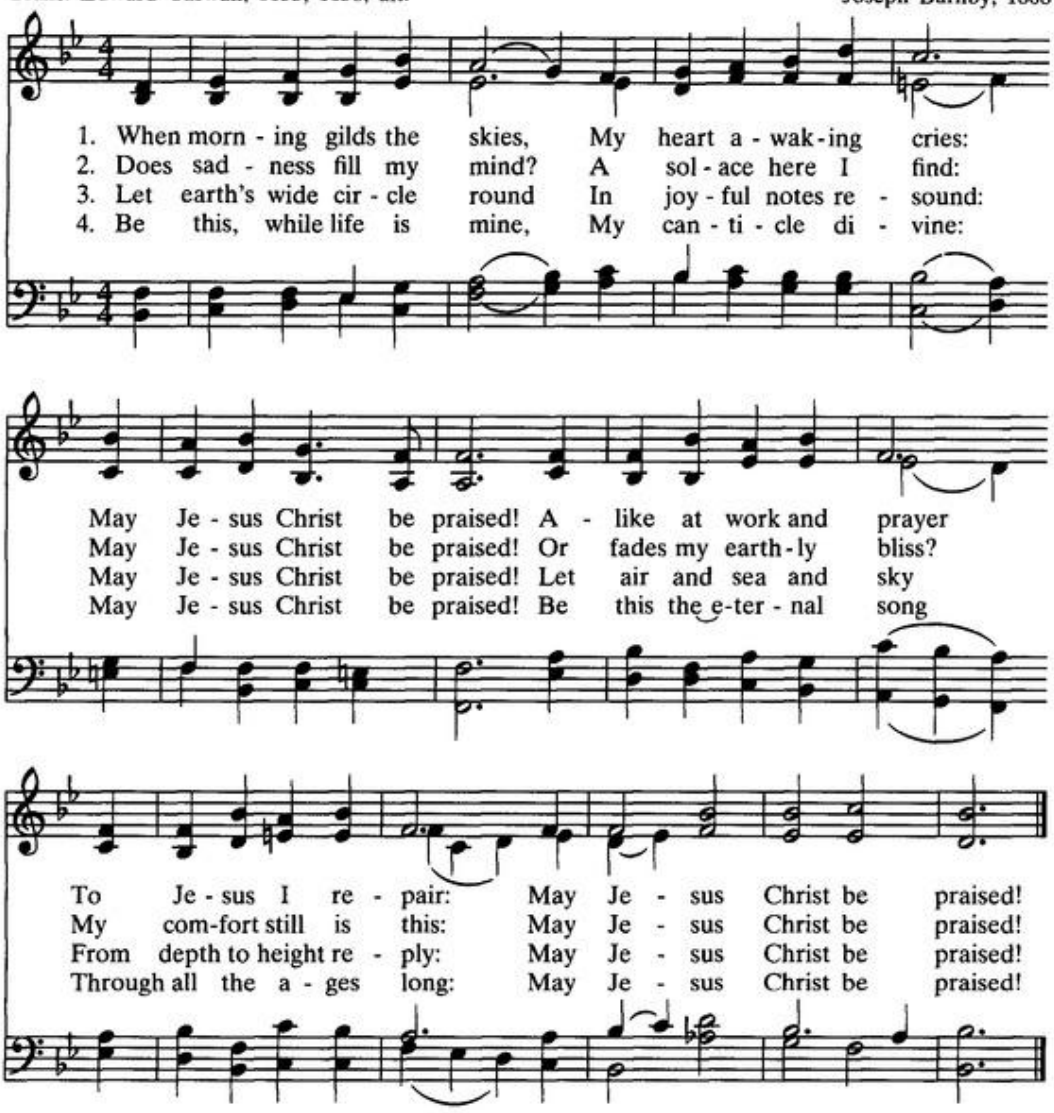
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When Morning Gilds the Skies 487

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German hymn, c. 1800
Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

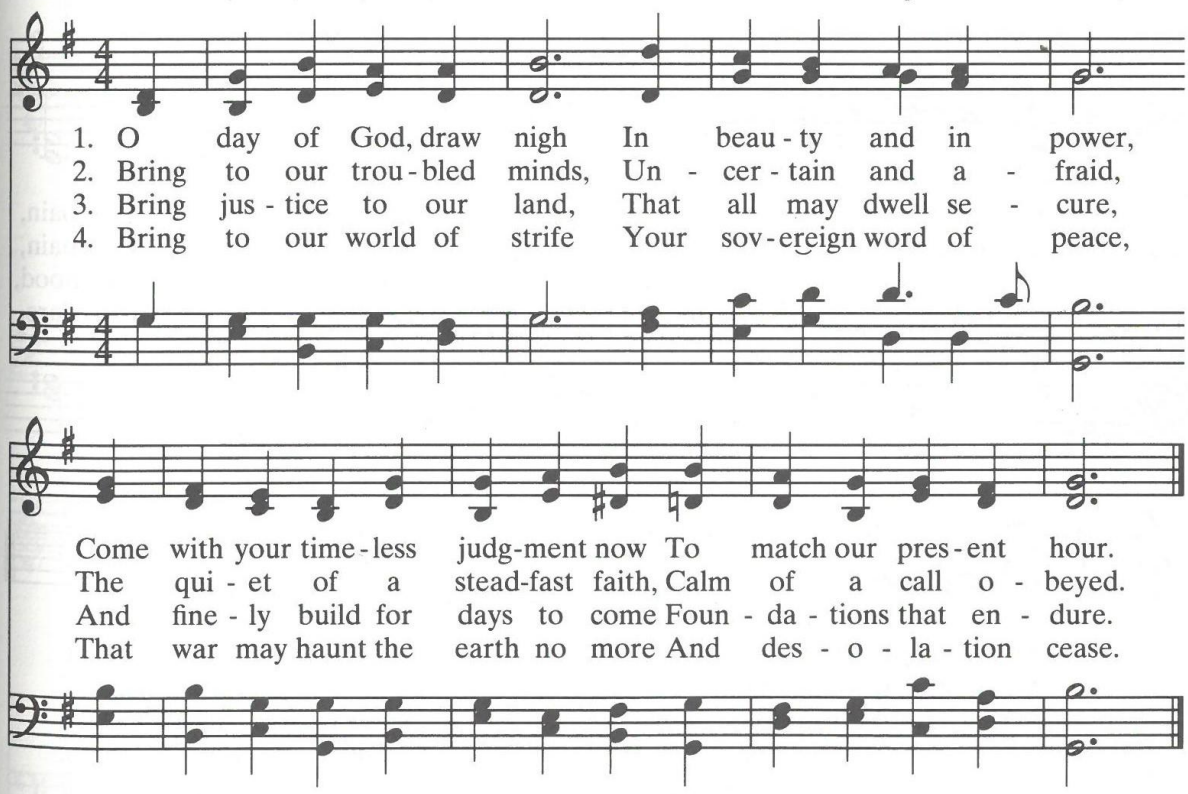


O Day of God, Draw Nigh 452

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Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, 1939; alt. 1972

Genevan Psalter, 1551
Adapt. William Crotch, 1836
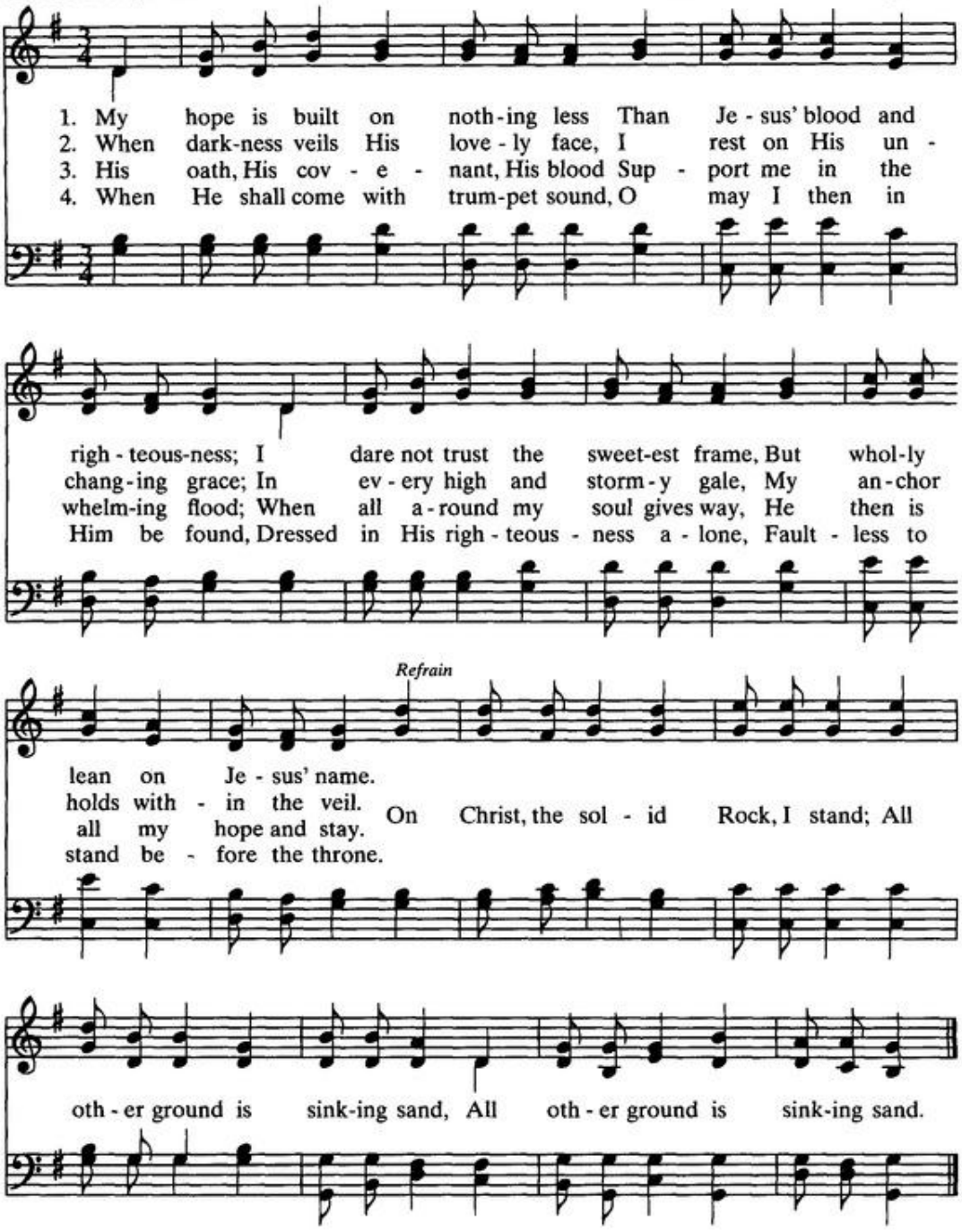


5. O day of God, draw nigh
As at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set
Your judgments in the earth.

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379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834 — William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863
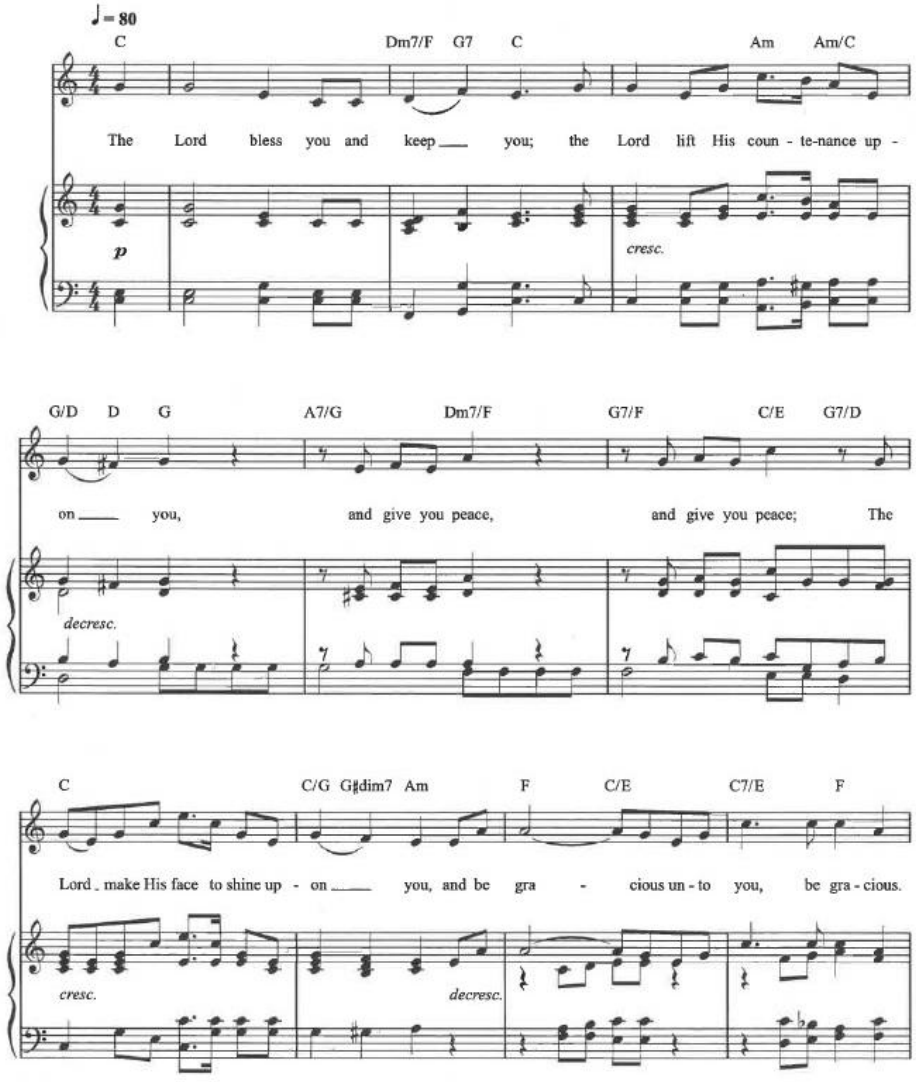


Alternate tune: MELITA, 562

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Numbers 6:24-26

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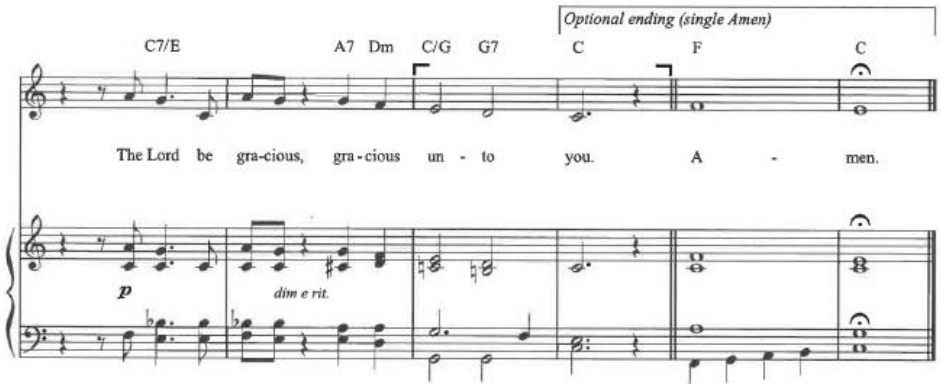
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