

Order of Worship for June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



"Abraham Receiving the Three Angels" by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

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: "Sonata in A Major" by Domenico Scarlatti

Trish Waters, pianist

Call to Worship (responsive)

written by Nancy C. Townley for *Ministry Matters*

One: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

All: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

One: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

All: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

One: God is good; Praise be to God!

All: The love and mercy of God never fails.

*Gathering Hymn: "Father, We Praise Thee" (#459)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Genesis 18:1-15

Romans 5:1-8

Children's Message

Sermon: "Welcoming the Stranger"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#276)

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: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Trish Waters, pianist

from Walker's Southern Harmony, arr/ John Carter

*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.**

Communion Liturgy

The Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

The first time Jesus sat down to this meal, among those gathered there were one who would doubt him, one who would deny him, one who would betray him, and they would all leave him alone before that night was over – and he knew it. Still, he sat down and ate with them. If he ate with them, surely he's ready to eat with us. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to be sure. You don't have to be a member of this church. You don't have to be a saint. All you have to be to eat at this table is hungry.

God will do the rest.

Communion Prayer

adapted in part from a liturgy by Rev. Mary Luti

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

How right it is to praise you, gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors — one people in many kinds — and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were a sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted to us your justice and your joy. But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other's hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of grace and mercy, love and justice, you restored us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us — pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you! And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray (*the prayer continues...*) Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Communion

We receive the elements.

Thanksgiving after Communion

adapted from a liturgy by Rev. Mary Luti

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer response after each petition:

One: Oh 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: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (#440)

*Blessing and Benediction

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

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

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

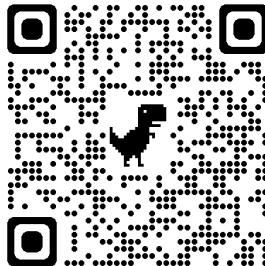
Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our lector/liturgist is Linda Towle. Jiney Asthappan will teach Sunday School. Our musician today is Trish Waters.

The next **Consistory meeting** will take place Sunday, June 21, at 12pm via Zoom.

Thanks to those who participated in Hastings Pride Night! FRC hosted a table at Friday Night Pride this past Friday, sharing temporary tattoos and glitter blessings with the local community. Thanks to Linda & Ned Towle, Beth Rudd, and Andrew Smith for volunteering!



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Clergy: The Rev. Emily M. Brown First Reformed Church
Staff: Trish Waters, Office Administrator & Music Director
Hanna Skaskiv, Sexton

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Father, We Praise Thee

CHRISTE SANCTORUM 11.11.11.5

Attr. Gregory the Great (540-604)
Trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906

Paris Antiphoner, 1681
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver; Ac - tive and
 2. Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
 3. All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty

watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,

prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
 where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

440 In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE CM

African-American spirit
Jubilee Songs, 18

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 19

C G C F B \flat F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu - nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

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Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Numbers 6:24-26

Music by
PETER C. LUTKIN

$\text{♩} = 80$

C Dm7/F G7 C Am Am/C

The Lord bless you and keep — you; the Lord lift His coun - te-nance up -

p *cresc.*

G/D D G A7/G Dm7/F G7/F C/E G7/D

on — you, and give you peace, and give you peace; The

decresc.

C C/G G#dim7 Am F C/E C7/E F

Lord, make His face to shine up - on — you, and be gra - cious un - to you, be gra - cious.

cresc. *decresc.*

Musicnotes

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Optional ending (single Amen)

C7/E A7 Dm C/G G7 C F C

The Lord be gra-cious, gra-cious un - to you. A - men.

p *dim e rit.*