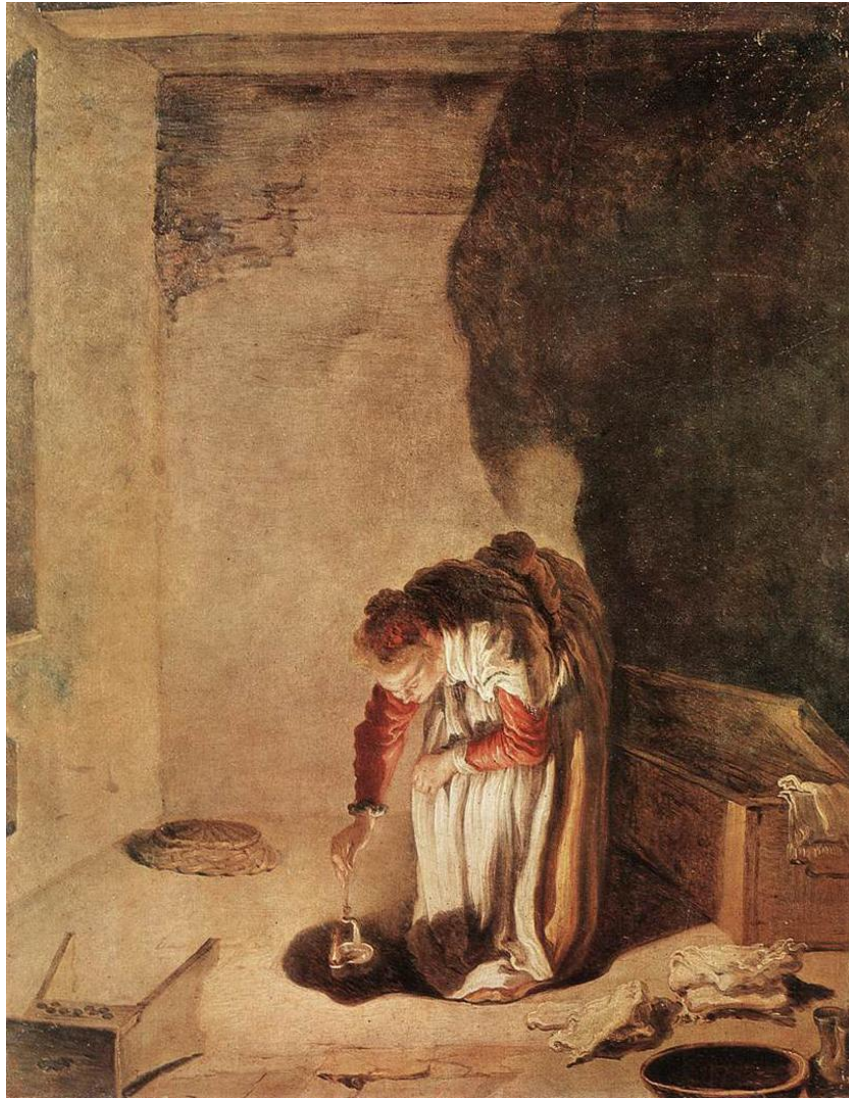


Order of Worship for September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



"Lost Coin" by Domenico Fetti
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

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: "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach

Trish Waters, pianist

Call to Worship

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

All: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

*Gathering Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (#145)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

written by Alex Cornwell

Lord, your love for is unfailing because you are all compassion. You know my transgressions and yet you still call me your child. Cleanse me and do not hide your face from me. I want to feel the joy and gladness that only you can bring. You are my rock and redeemer.

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 51:1-10

Luke 15:1-10

Children's Message

Sermon: "Jigsaw"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (#172)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually 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: "The Little Shepherd" by Claude Debussy

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 *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (#280)

*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 musician today is Trish Waters. Our lector/liturgist is Jiney Asthappan. Prema Samuel will teach Sunday school. Coffee hour treats are baked by Abel Brown.

The next Consistory meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 17 at 6pm via Zoom.

Share Your Creativity! We would love to feature congregants' art and writing in upcoming services. Anyone who enjoys engaging creatively with scripture is invited to create art for the bulletin cover, write a call to worship, or develop the scripture readings into either a script for a Children's Message skit or a "reader's theatre" script we can use instead of a traditional reading. Any materials should be based on the readings for that week and sent to Pastor Emily (revemilybrown@gmail.com) no later than the Tuesday prior to their intended use. The upcoming readings are as follows:

Sunday September 21:	Luke 16:1-13 – the parable of the unjust steward
Sunday September 28:	1 Timothy 6:6-19 – advice for faithful living
Sunday October 5:	Lamentations 3:19-26 – God's mercies never end

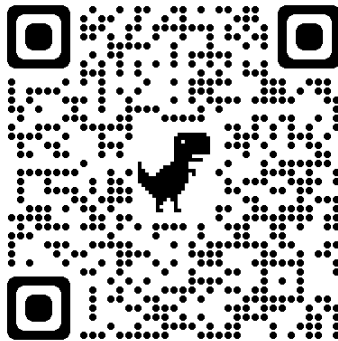
(art & writing for 10/5 could also focus on the Blessing of the Animals)

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday October 5: Traditionally, October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who is remembered for his special connection with nature and animals, among other things. On Sunday, October 5, all are invited to bring pets for a special Blessing of the Animals service. Animal companions (on leash or in a carrier) may attend the 10am service. If you have a pet who wouldn't do well in church, you can bring their picture. Stuffed animals are also welcome!

Faith & Blue – Friday, October 10 6-8pm: The Hastings Police Department will host an open house on Friday, October 10, 2025 as an outreach to the local faith community.

Save the Date – 175th Anniversary Concert on November 14th: A concert to celebrate First Reformed Church's 175th Anniversary will take place on Friday, November 14. Musicians who have been part of the FRC community over the years will participate. More information will be shared in coming weeks.

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



Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
 3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
 4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.
 The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! re - joice!

Alternate tune: VINEYARD HAVEN, 146

PSALM 23

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

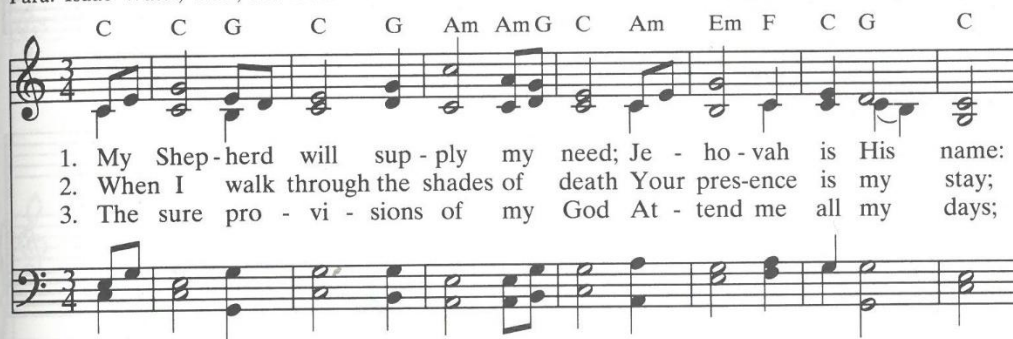
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RESIGNATION CMD

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

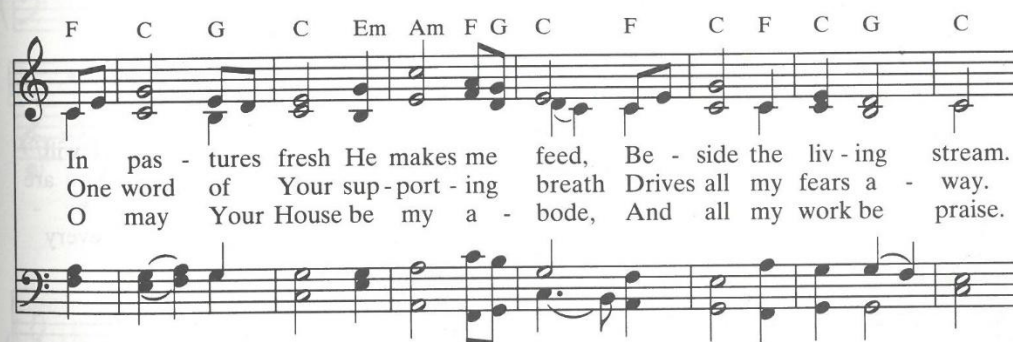
Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

C C G C G Am Am G C Am Em F C G C



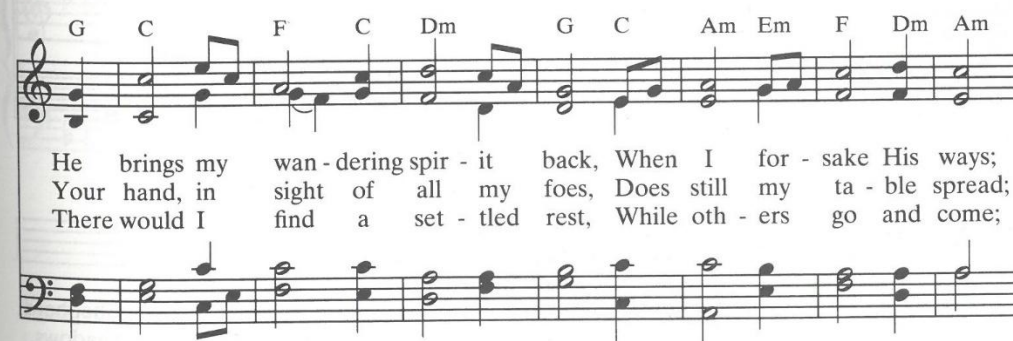
1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C



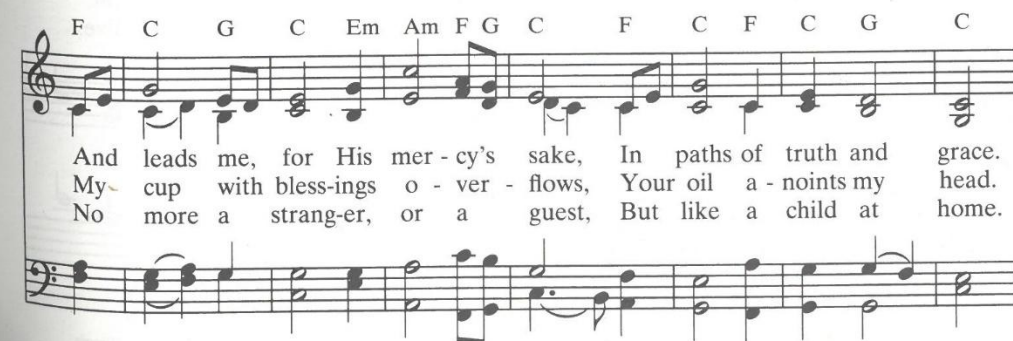
In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C



And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a stran-ger, or a guest, But like a child at home.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
 Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha
 Is pi yukpalashke

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.*

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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.*