

Order of Worship for July 27, 2025  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



*"Our Daily Bread" by Anders Zorn*

**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: "A Prayer for Peace" by Lani Smith

Laura Ravotti, organist

Call to Worship (responsive)

from *Ministry Matters*

One: Welcome to worship this day.

**All: We have come seeking peace and hope.**

One: This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

**All: Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

One: Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

**All: Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.**

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

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

from *Ministry Matters*

**Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature comforts first. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. Give us peace, Gracious Lord. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. 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 138

Luke 11:1-13

Children's Message

Sermon: "Learning to Pray"

### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn of Response: "Seek Ye First" (#333)

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

Offertory: "Psalm 23" by Gordon Young

Laura Ravotti, organist

\*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*

**Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most.  
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: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (#447)

\*Blessing and Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude (in thirds)" by Mathew McConnell

Laura Ravotti, organist

*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

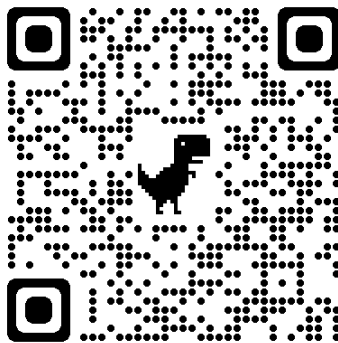
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## Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! We are delighted to welcome back today's guest organist, Laura Ravotti, who has previously been part of our music program through her singing with Angelica Women's Chamber Choir! Our lector/liturgist is Prema Samuel. Coffee hour treats are baked by Abel Brown.

The next Consistory meeting will take place on Sunday, September 14, at 12pm via Zoom.

For more information about First Reformed Church, scan this QR code to go to [www.frchoh.org](http://www.frchoh.org)



## When Morning Gilds the Skies

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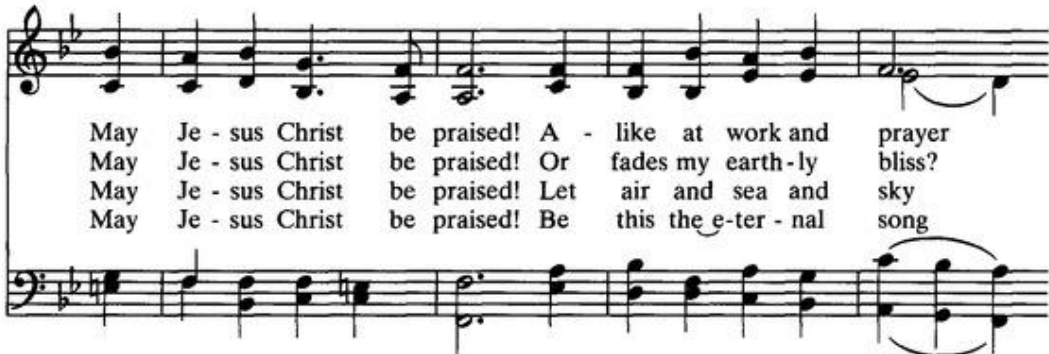
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!



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## Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

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Chords: D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em, A7, D, F#m, G, D, G, D, A7, D

Lyrics:

Descant Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His  
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness,  
ye shall find, And all these things shall be  
Knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Lead On, O King Eternal

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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:  
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;  
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,  
 For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.