

Order of Worship for July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



Frank Wesley | "Jai Krist"

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 E Major” by Domenico Scarlatti

Trish Waters, pianist

Call to Worship (responsive)

written by Rev. Nancy Townley for *Ministry Matters*

One: Come on in and find some rest!

All: We need that rest, for we are weary!

One: Come on in and discover peace!

All: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

One: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

All: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace.

*Gathering Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (#466)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

Psalms 145:8-14

Matthew 11:28-30

Children’s Message

Sermon: “An Easy Burden”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (#504)

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

Offertory: "Berceuse" by Alexander Iljinsky

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.**

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: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (#564)

*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.

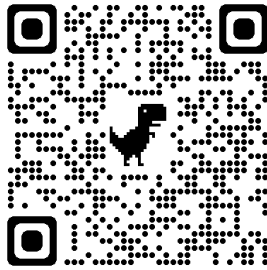
*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our musician today is Trish Waters.
The next **Consistory meeting** will take place Sunday, August 2, at 12pm via Zoom.

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



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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 466

AZMON CM

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Art. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - on-er free;
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, the same key signature, and time signature, and contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of God's grace!
'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and harmonic structures, concluding with a double bar line.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1931; alt.

Harold Friedell, 1957

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, For when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er In the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing Make as sac - ra -

in Your name Two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
 ments of You, That by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

You are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 We may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now Your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

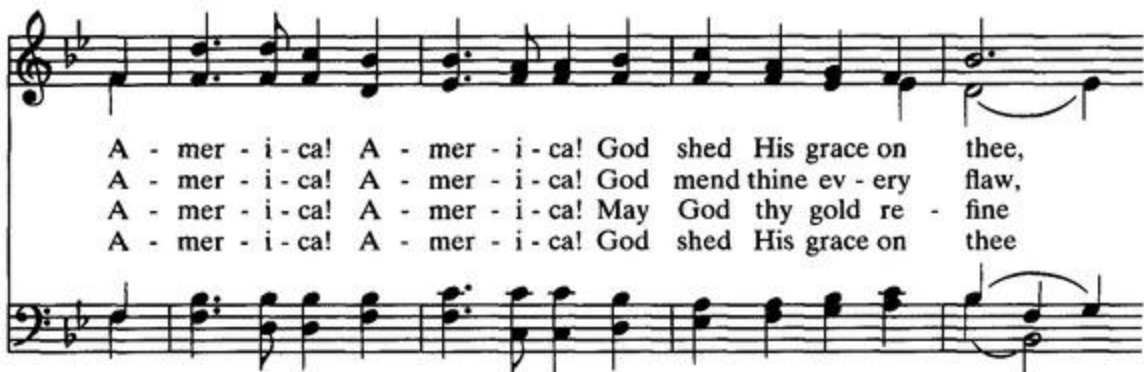
Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882



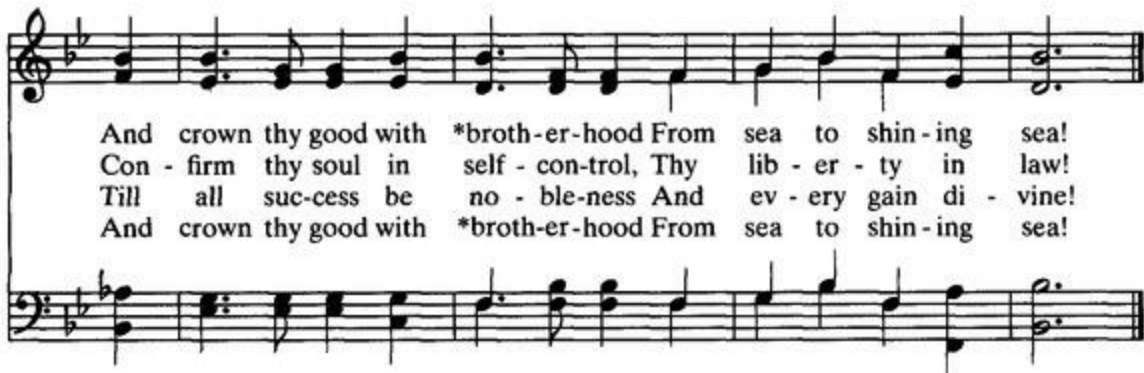
1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years



For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
 Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee



And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness And ev-ery gain di-vine!
 And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

*Or "servanthood."

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.*