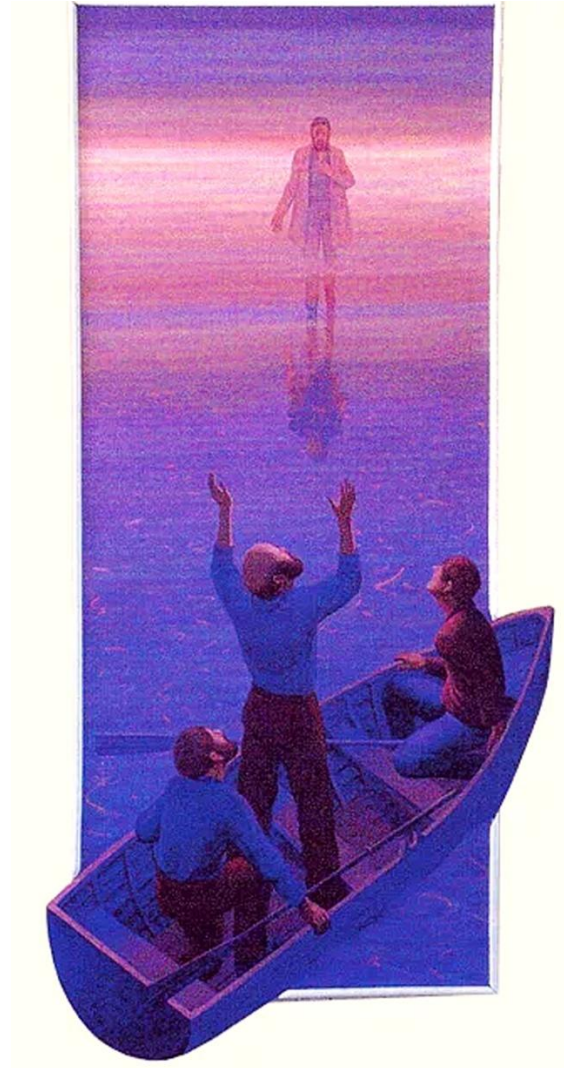


Order of Worship for August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



Peter Koenig | "Walking on Water"

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: "More Love to Thee" from "The Modern Hymnal (1926)" Michael Willson, guitarist

Call to Worship (responsive) from *Ministry Matters*

One: When the storms of life are raging, stand by me

All: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

One: When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea

All: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

One: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

All: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God.

*Gathering Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" (#263)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison): written by Alex Cornwell

Heavenly Father We continue to let our differences divide us. Help us to see others as You have seen us. Teach us to be more mindful of others. All too often, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus modeled the way to treat others, especially those who are different from us; loving the stranger, loving the outcast, and most of all, loving unconditionally. Help us to follow that model. We give you thanks for giving us your Son. 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 37:1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14:22-33

Children's Message

Sermon: "Swimming Lessons"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (#303)

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: “Pavana 1” by Luis Milan

Michael Willson, guitarist

*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*

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. 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 Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (#308)

*Blessing and Benediction

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

Those attending in person are invited to lemonade on the lawn after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

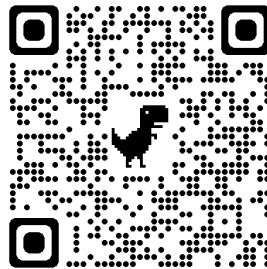
Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our musicians today are Michael Willson, Beth Rudd, and Aster Paerels.

Pastor Emily will be on vacation for the next two Sundays. In her absence, lay members will lead the August 16 and August 23 worship services. If there are pastoral care needs, please reach out to any of the Elders (Prema Samuel, Fred Smith, or Nancy Callender.)

The next **Consistory meeting** will take place today, Sunday, September 13, at 12pm via Zoom.

Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer. It will resume on Sunday, September 27.

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Clergy: The Rev. Emily M. Brown First Reformed Church

Staff: Trish Waters, Office Administrator & Music Director

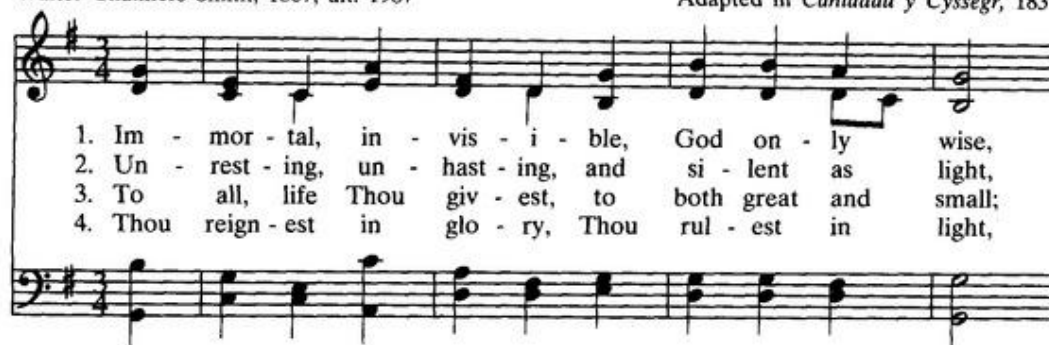
Hanna Skaskiv, Sexton

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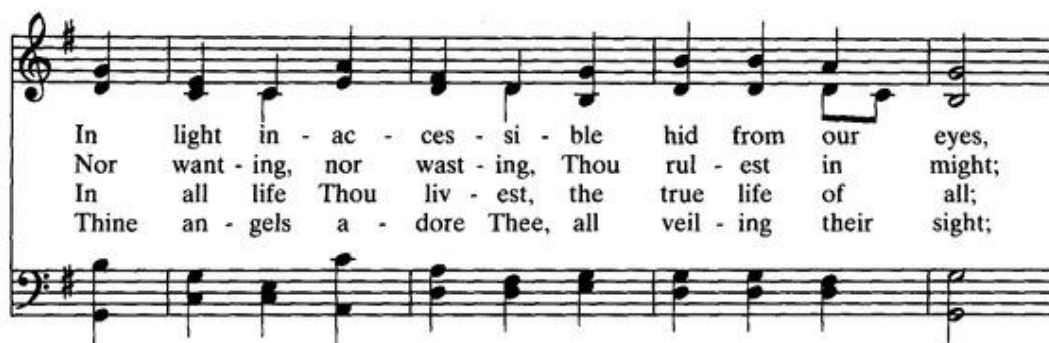
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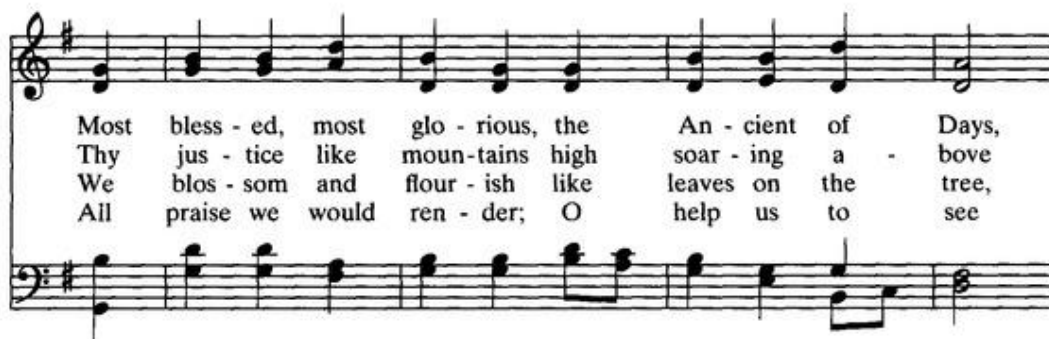
Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839


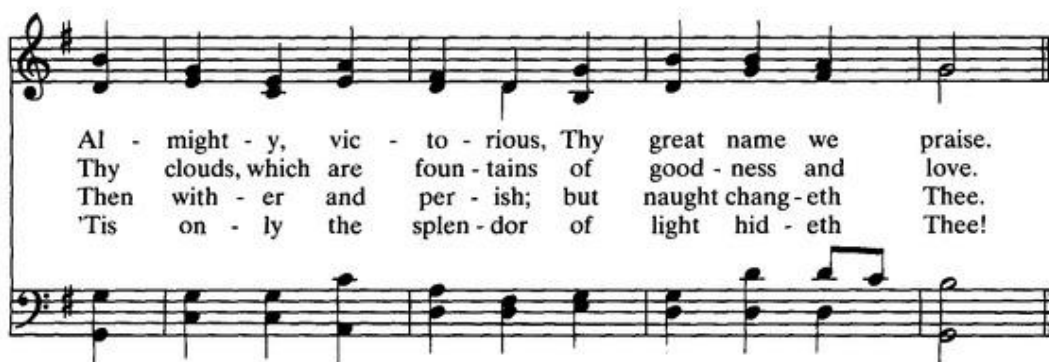
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



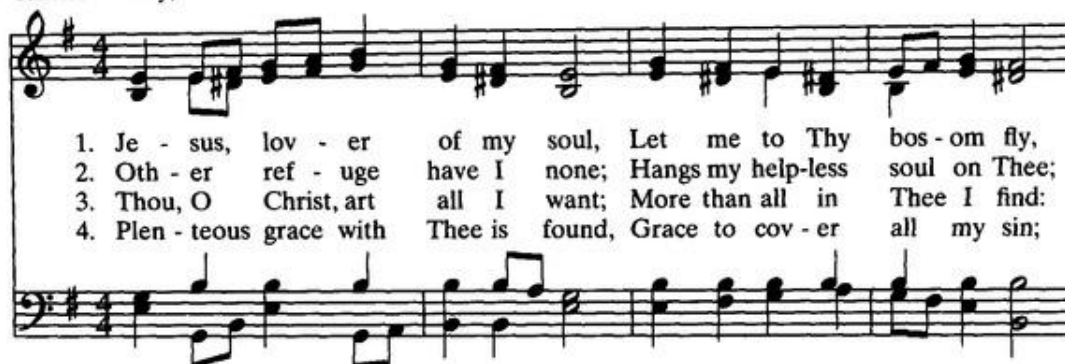
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

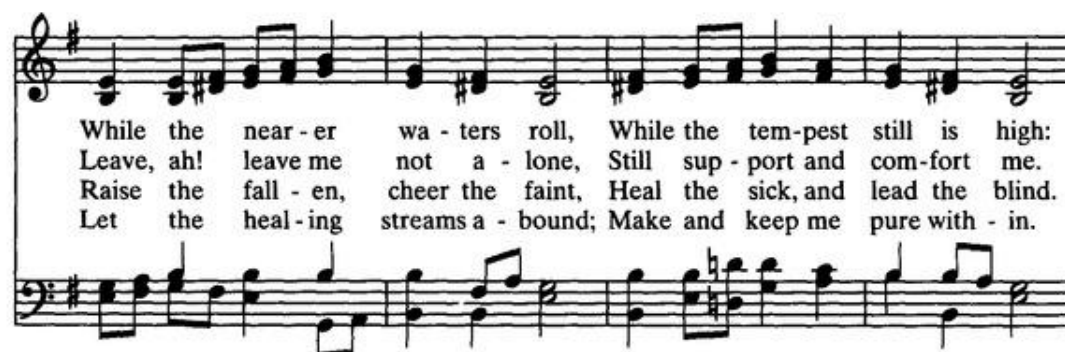
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Charles Wesley, 1740

Joseph Parry, 1879



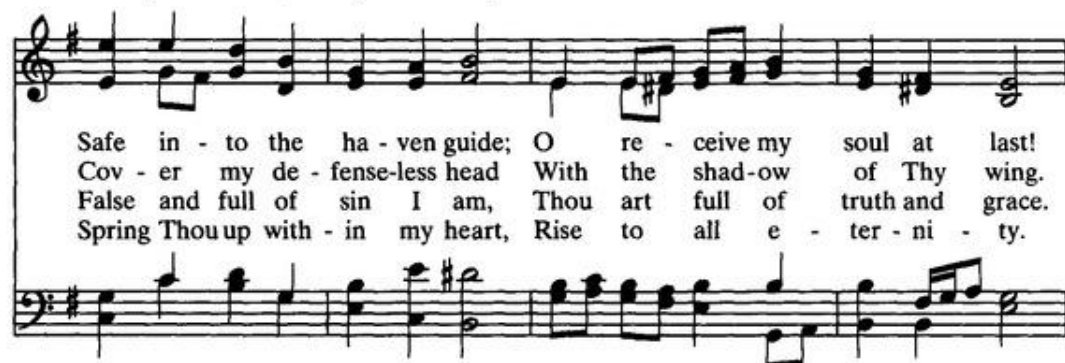
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help-less soul on Thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous-ness;
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free-ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense-less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1899

English Country Songs, 1893
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, Of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2. O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, Of sun-ny days of joy,
 3. O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, Of lake and woods and hill,
 4. O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, Its glo-ry and dis-may;

And of the news that came to them From an-gels in the air:
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, And of the sin-less Boy:
 Of Him who walked up-on the sea And bade its waves be still:
 Of Him who hung up-on the tree, And took our sins a-way:

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem Fills all the world to-day;
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth In ev-ery heart may grow;
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, Dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For He who died on Cal-va-ry Is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth The an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of His dear name On all the winds that blow.
 When faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, Falls peace up-on the soul.
 And Christ, our Lord, by heav-en a-dored, Is might-y now to save.

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.*