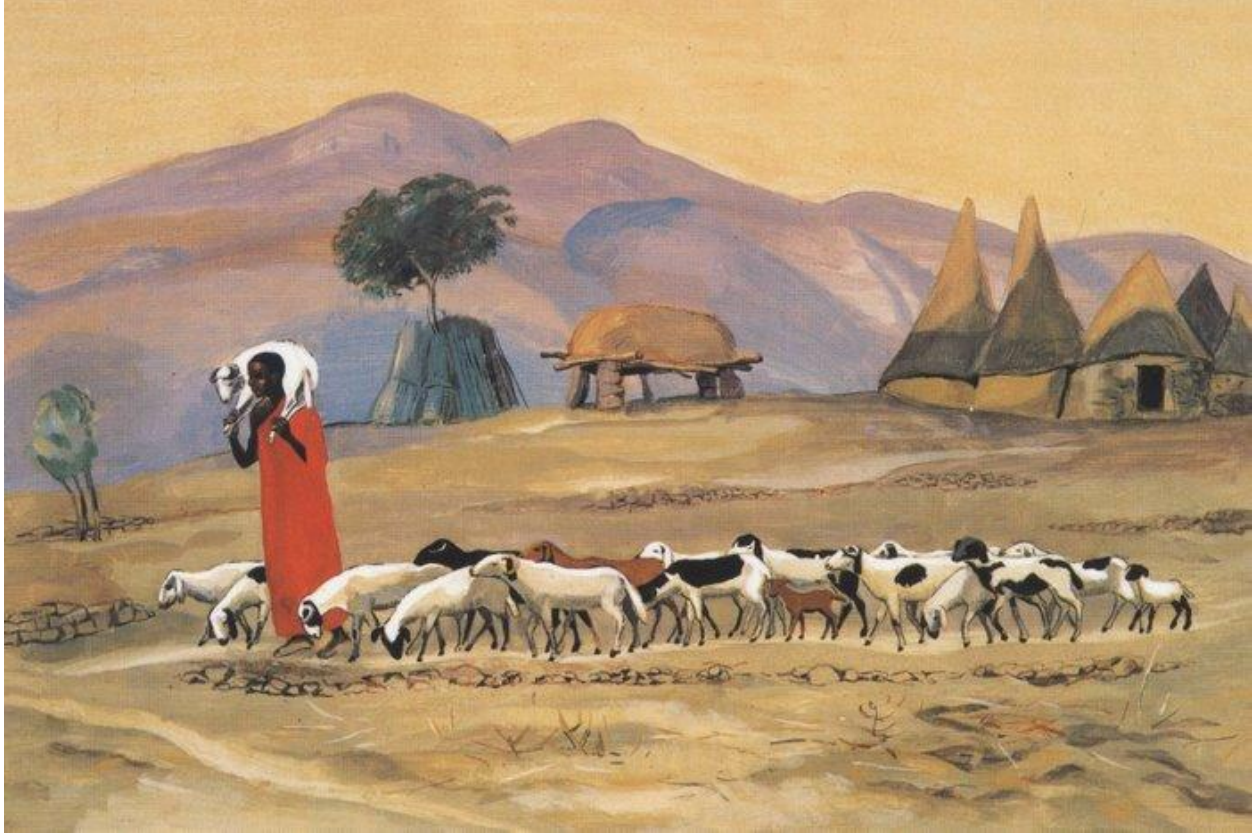


Order of Worship for April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



Jesus Mafa | "The Good Shepherd"

**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, piano

Call to Worship (responsive)

from *Ministry Matters*

**All: We hear God calling us by name.**

One: Are you troubled or distressed?

**All: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.**

One: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**All: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (#473)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

from *Ministry Matters*

**Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' name. 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 23

John 10:1-10

Children's Message

Sermon: "The Shepherd's Voice"

## 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

For those attending remotely or preferring to give digitally, offerings may be made in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to [frc1850@aol.com](mailto: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: "Reflection" by Alexander Tansman

Trish Waters, piano

\*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, life-giving God, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. 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: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (#387)

\*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**

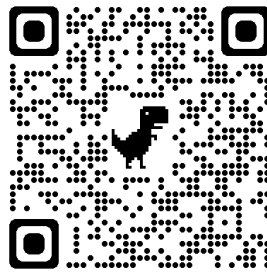
## Announcements

**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 on Sunday, April 26, at 12pm via Zoom.

**Community Sing Along:** A community sing along of songs of resistance and hope will take place on Saturday, May 16 at 4pm in the sanctuary. Please join us as we raise our voices together!

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



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

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

PSALM 23

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 172

RESIGNATION CMD

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

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

C C G C G Am AmG 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 strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

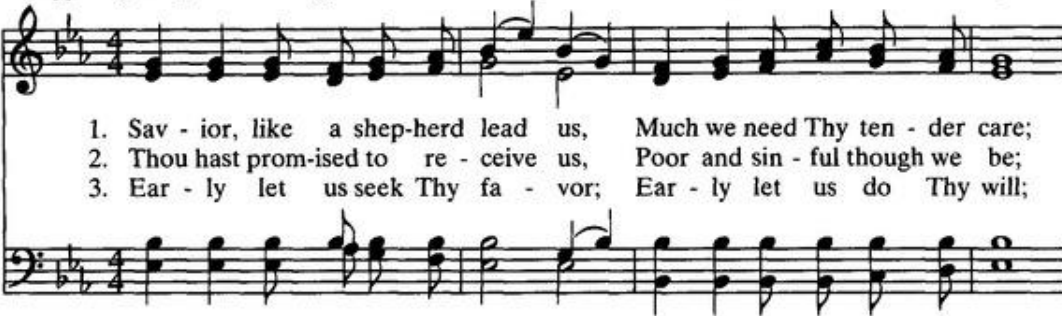
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## 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

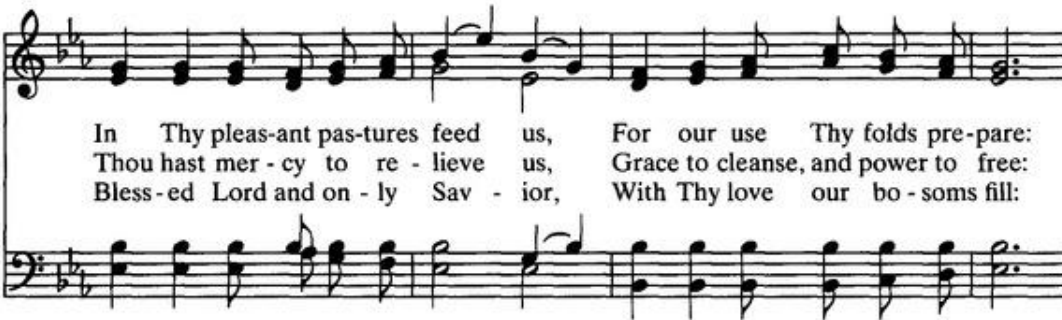
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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

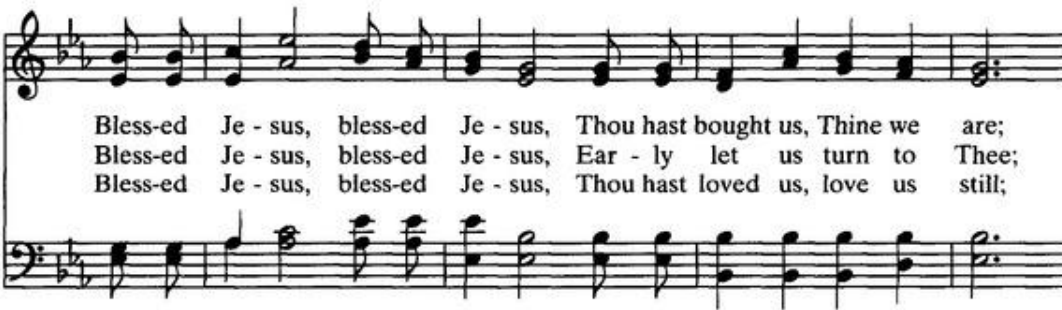
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



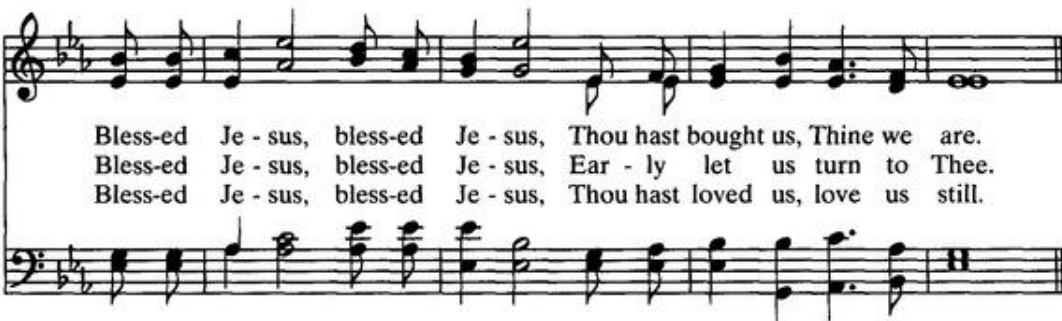
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;  
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:  
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538

# 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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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.*

Optional ending (single Amen)