

Order of Worship for September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



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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: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

FRC Choir

Call to Worship (responsive)

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

One: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

One: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

All: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

*Gathering Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (#142)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Exodus 17:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13

Children's Message

Sermon: "Love Poured Out"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "At the Name of Jesus" (#148)

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: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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*

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' 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: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" (#426)

*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

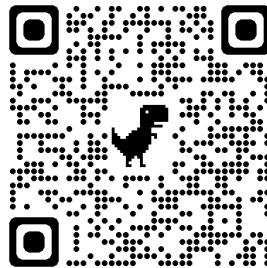
Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Ned Towle is our lector & liturgist today. Our musicians today are Michael Willson, Beth Rudd, and the FRC Choir.

The next **Consistory meeting** will take place on Sunday, October 18, at 12pm in the Fellowship House.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday October 4: 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 October 4, 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!

Considering Membership? This fall, we'll hold an informal gathering for any visitors and friends who are interested in considering making FRC your official church home! You're welcome to attend whether you're a brand-new visitor or have been attending for years. Please let Pastor Emily know if you'd like to take part by emailing revemilybrown@gmail.com

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



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First Reformed Church Staff:

Trish Waters, Office Administrator & Music Director

Hanna Skaskiv, Sexton

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CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

Stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787

Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

Descant

4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the song and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
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At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5 D

Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
 4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re-turn a - gain,

Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
 Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
 For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,

Music: From *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1925. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

CHRIST THE KING / ASCENSION

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
 And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

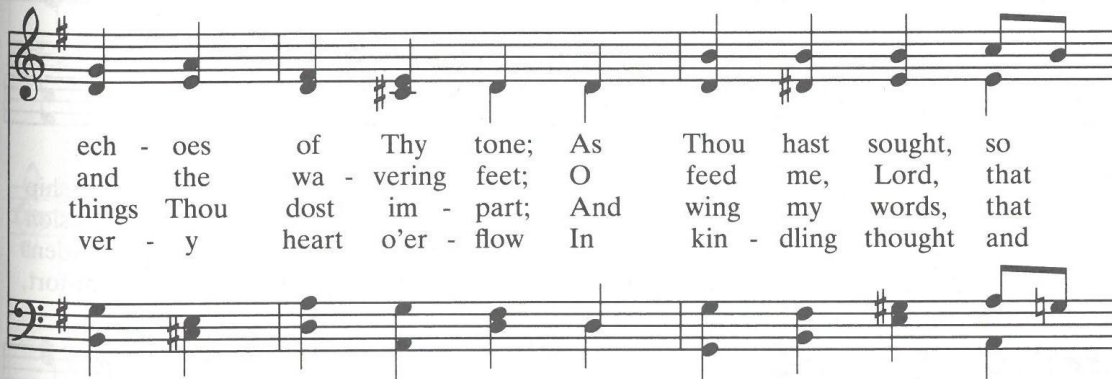
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY LM

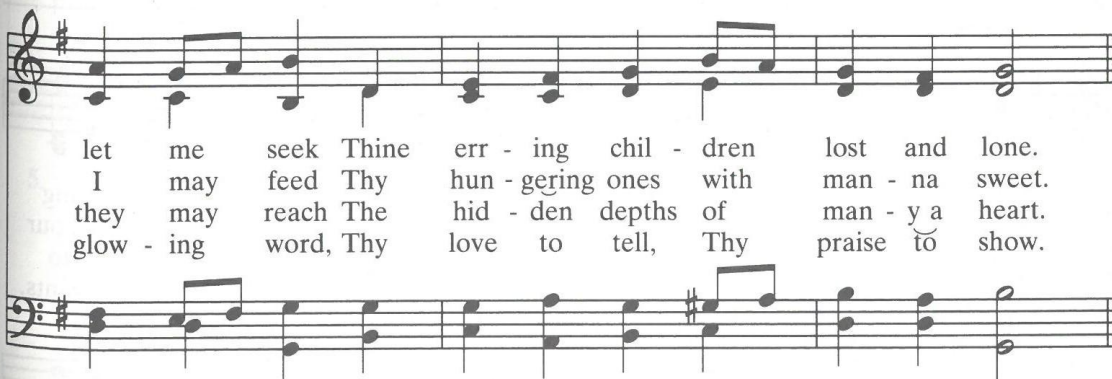
Robert Schumann, 1839



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my



ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let me seek Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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.*