

* Hymn No. 293

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O heavenly Father, we confess that we are afraid. We look at the state of our world and we shutter. We struggle to imagine a better future, if one at all. We are filled with worry and anxiety.

Yet we know that all things are in your hands. We know that you love us and provide for our every need.

Forgive our lack of trust. Forgive our little faith.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is our salvation! Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Summary of the Law

Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you!

And also, with you! (Please greet those around you)

Call to Gratitude

Offering

Offertory - 8:00

The Cry of the Poor

John B. Foley S.J.

- 10:00

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

Response

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Holy are you. And blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who by his baptism of death and by his resurrection gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and evil, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations.

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer to you our very selves in praise and gratitude, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's sacrifice for us. And so, let us proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this sacred fellowship, upon this feast of love. By your Spirit unite us with Christ, so that through him we might be born anew. Therefore, in thanksgiving, we lift our voices united as a saved people using the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...

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.

We give you thanks that, on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me.”

~ Receive the Bread and Cup ~

Voluntary

Take and Eat

Michael Joncas (b.1951)

Taste and See

James E. Moore Jr.

~ Partake in the Feast ~

Prayer After Communion

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for this holy feast, in which we remember Christ's saving death and resurrection – in which we experience Christ himself. We remember your greatest gift of love embodied by Jesus Christ and we rejoice. May your Spirit renew us and transform us for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements:

Our Life in Worship

WELCOME! We are so glad that you have joined us this morning to worship God! We strive to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people who seek to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to the pastor and to those around you.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME - We encourage you to fill out a visitor card which you can find in each pew with the offering envelopes. Once completed these can be given to an usher so we can contact you. If you would rather, there is also a QR Code on the narthex bulletin board, which will allow you to digitally submit to us the same information. We also have a welcome bag for you, please speak to an usher to receive one.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS - are available for those who need them. Speak to an usher if you would like to try one.

RESTROOMS - There is one restroom just off the narthex. Other bathrooms are through the door on the right-hand side of the sanctuary then to the left or down the long hall to the right.

FLOWERS - You can enhance worship by providing flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone or some event special to you. Suggested donation is \$50. To reserve a Sunday, please call the church office at 518-370-4751 or sign up in the narthex.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care for children, infant through 4 years old, is available every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:30am. The nursery is located in the first room on the right as you exit the sanctuary down the education wing. Parents are welcome to stay in the nursery with their little one(s) if they would like. We ask that a parent stay with babies younger than six months old.

SUMMER TAKE HOME CHURCH - Here is a summer resource geared for families but can be used by all. This resource will guide you through scripture readings along with some awesome stories to help you keep connected with God over the summer months. Packets are available in the narthex and on the FRCS website with links to all the stories. Enjoy “worshipping” from home.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - Starting Sunday, June 28th the 8am service will be worshipping on the patio outside, weather permitting.

Our Life in Community

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS - Rev. McCloskey will be available in his office this Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm for anyone who would like to drop by. If you would like to schedule an appointment with him outside of this time please email him at pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org. For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell at (203) 430-1990.

THE CHURCH OFFICE - will be open this week from 9am-1pm Monday through Friday.

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Summer Lunch Program. As the summer months begin, many families plan for fun activities, trips, and the lazy days often paired with vacations. But for so many in the community, summer is just another season in which food sourcing continues to be inconsistent. With the additional stress of no longer having access to free breakfast and lunches served in the schools, families with children begin to plan where they can find support for meals instead of planning packing for a beach day. At FRCS, we are able to help support the community with our Summer Lunch program. Beginning in summer of 2024, we have served lunches every Tuesday and Thursday in July and August. From sandwiches to pasta salad, we provide nutritious meals to ANYONE who would like a meal: children, families, seniors, neighbors, and even construction workers who forgot their lunch that day.

Summer Lunch provides both food and community. This helps to supplement free meal programs available in the Scotia area throughout the summer. Last summer we were able to serve almost 300 people. As we enter our 3rd year of this program, we anticipate having more guests this summer as financial strains and food access is more prevalent in our community. Please consider giving to Mission of the Month of Summer Lunch Program, and volunteering one of the days we serve. Lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30-1pm, in July and August. For more information, please contact Laura Taft Bull.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD SUMMER FOOD DRIVE *Hunger doesn't take a vacation.* Help pack a child's lunch with food to fill their lunchboxes. Create a grab & go with your favorite lunch ideas such as: fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly (no glass jars), chips, shelf-stable milk, snacks, juice boxes. Collection bins can be found in the narthex and main lobby.

MISSION TRIP - First Reformed Scotia is joining several churches in the area to go and support the many missions that Highland Park church has for homeless, immigrants, people going through life transitions and more.

We could use your support! Here's how:

1. *Make a donation.* Every little bit helps! Please make checks out to FRCS and put 'Mission Trip' on the memo line.
2. *Please pray* for us, our trip and the many people we will be serving.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Miss Diana at education@firstreformedscotia.org

This Week's Calendar

SUN, June 21	8:00 & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
WED, June 24	12:00pm-5:00pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive, Brink
SAT, June 27	11:00am	Community Meal, Brink
SUN, June 28	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall

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Our Congregation's Covenant

*First Reformed Church of Scotia is a fellowship of people,
each called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit
to be disciples of Jesus Christ,
and instruments of his presence in the world.*

*We sustain our fellowship through worship
and the celebration of the sacraments, through prayer,
and through the encouragement of each other's spiritual growth.
Our shared task is to follow Christ in mission and ministry
in our lives, our homes, our community, and our world so loved by God.*

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