



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19th, 2026

Bold invites you to join in the reading.

* invites you to rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Seed Scattered and Sown

Dan Feiten

acc. E. Gunnison & R.J. Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it! The world, and all who live in it!

God has created and is creating still! All is the Lord's!

The Lord stretches out the heavens like a tent!

God has set the earth on its foundations - it shall never be shaken!

The Lord causes the mountains to rise, leaving the valleys below!

God makes springs gush forth and flow between the hills!

The Lord gives drink to every wild animal to quench their thirst!

By the streams the birds of the air have been given habitation - they sing among the branches!

The Lord causes the grass to grow and flowers to spring forth from the ground!

God abundantly waters the trees of the field!

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom our God has made them all!

The earth is full of your creatures, O Lord - living things both great and small!

O God, renew your creation!

May the glory of the Lord endure forever! Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 274

O God of Earth and Space

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we have abused your creation. We use up the resources you have provided and leave nothing behind. We devour like locusts, even our own kind lack for food. We leave destruction in our wake - pollution in the soil, water and air. We have exploited what you have entrusted to our care.

Forgive us, O God, put an end to our sinning. Teach us again the art of sharing. Make us the good stewards that you created us to be. Help us to protect, defend and preserve your creation - and in so doing glorify you, the Creator of all things.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice for God's plan of salvation not only includes you, but all of creation! 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

Come Down, O Love Divine *Ralph V. Williams (1872-1958)*
DOWN AMPNEY *arr. Noel Rawsthorne*

- 10:00

Pass It On *by Kurt Kaiser*
Kay, Anneka & Evan Williams *arr. Ralph Carmichael 1969*

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.**

* Prayer of Dedication

We Proclaim the Word of God

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O Spirit, open our hearts and stretch our minds. Renew our bodies as you renew all of creation. Amen.

1st Lesson

Genesis 13:1-9

p. 8

Heart Song

God of Great and God of Small

by Natalie Sleeth

Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Children's Sermon

Rev. McCloskey

2nd Lesson

Romans 8:14-25

p. 120-121

Sermon

Creation Too

Rev. McCloskey

We Respond with Gratitude to God

* Hymn (Insert)

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

* Statement of Faith

Accra Confession

We humbly confess this hope, knowing that we, too, stand under the judgement of God's justice.

- We acknowledge the complicity and guilt of those who consciously or unconsciously benefit from the current... economic... system;
- we recognize that this includes both churches and members of our own Reformed family and therefore we call for confession of sin.
- We acknowledge that we have become captivated by the culture of consumerism and the competitive greed and selfishness of the current economic system. This has all too often permeated our very spirituality.
- We confess our sin in misusing creation and failing to play our role as stewards and companions of nature.

Prayer of the People and 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.

We are Sent Out to Serve God

* Hymn (Insert)	God of the Fertile Fields	ITALIAN HYMN
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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude	Postlude on “Coronation”	Mark Rippe
	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	Tune: Oliver Holden



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Organist: Michael Linke
Ushers: Jane Brehm, Nancy Passer and
Brad Coryer

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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.

FAITH FORMATION classes resume on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th for grades K-12. Join Miss Diana at 10:30ish for a time of learning and worship.

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 - The 8am service will be worshipping on the patio outside, weather permitting through September 6th.

Our Life in Community

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS - Rev. McCloskey will not be holding regular office hours in the month of July. If you would like to meet with him please email him to make an appointment 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.

MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION - You are invited to join Diana Ackner *TODAY* after 8am and 10am worship for a slideshow presentation and recap of the Mission Trip in Brink Hall.

CAMP FOWLER LETTERS - We have many kids attending Camp Fowler this summer, it's going to be amazing! Consider writing letters to our campers. Check out the Fowler bulletin board or call the office for information on who's attending which weeks and send a quick note saying hello. It's always fun to get mail... and they get to "Kiss the Moose" if they get 3 letters!!! Send mail to:

Camp Fowler
Camper Name (Week #)
P.O. Box 207
Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Mission of the Month for July is the Joan Nicole Prince Home. The Joan Nicole Prince Home provides a safe, comfortable and caring residence for people who have the fewest options and least amount of support during their final days. Over the course of one year, 15 to 20 people are expected to pass through its doors. Volunteers and staff provide care 24-hours a day, 7 days a week serving as "family" for residents of the home, which is located at 22 Glenview Drive in Scotia. The Joan Nicole Prince home works in collaboration with the Community Hospice to provide medical care for each individual. Please consider supporting July's Mission of the Month.

COMMUNITY MEAL & CAMP CARE - will be on Saturday July 25th at 11am. Mark will be serving hotdogs, bratwurst, tuna mac salad and a dessert. A potholder craft will be available for participants to create.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Our Summer Lunch Program is underway, and we'd love your help! Adults and teens are invited to volunteer to prep food, wash dishes, and welcome our guests. Sign up with friends, neighbors, or coworkers and volunteer together! For more information, contact Laura Taft Bull.

DINNER WITH NEIGHBORS - We're excited to offer another free meal to our neighbors this summer! Join us for a Free Dinner With Neighbors on Wednesday, July 29th, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! If you'd like to help prep, serve, or clean up, watch for a volunteer sign-up email in early July. Questions? Contact Laura Taft Bull.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD - The Community Cupboard is one of the many ways that we here at First Reformed Church of Scotia are supporting our neighbors. Located outside of Brink Hall, it is available 24/7 and allows for anonymity as well as participation from the community for replenishing with donations of food and personal care items. Thanks to all who responded to the June “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Vacation” donation collection, the Cupboard has been stocked with an assortment of delicious snack and juice items.

Are you wondering what you might help to provide this month? Recently we received a comment from a guest that has found the personal care items extremely helpful. The storage bin for these items is empty! Items to consider donating include:

- *shampoo*
- *bar soap*
- *toothpaste*
- *toothbrushes*
- *deodorant*
- *Band-aids*

This Week’s Calendar

SUN, July 19	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Patio
	9:00 & 11:15am	Mission Trip Presentation, Brink Hall
TUES, July 21	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink Hall
THUR July 23	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink Hall
SAT, July 25	11:00am	Community Meal, Brink Hall
SUN, July 26	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Patio

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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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