

***The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962***

*We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.*

*Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.*

*Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.*



Kathe Kollwitz, artist



***July 15, 2018***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(518) 377-2201 [www.1stReformed.com](http://www.1stReformed.com)*

**Welcome to First Reformed Church**  
*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.*



If you are a first time visitor, we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **After Worship**

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in the Dirck Romeyn room before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

### **Columbarium Accessible on Sundays**

Those wishing to visit the columbarium during construction may do so on Sunday mornings from 11-11:30am. Our sexton, Tom Mahan will be stationed at the church office entrance to provide safe passage to the columbarium.

### **Communion**

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911

### **Parking**

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Restroom**

If you are looking for a first floor handicap accessible restroom the Mohawk House is open.

### **Hearing Assistance**



We have a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Joining the Congregation**

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation, please fill out a white pew card.

### **Mohawk House Coffee Area**

Open from 9am-3pm on Monday-Friday.

### **Child Care on Sunday - Kinderwyk**

Childcare for children through Pre-k is available from 9:45am until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.

### **Church School**

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am in the Walton House (church office entrance.)

### **Church School on Communion Sundays**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion. Those in grades K-2 are welcome to join church school after children's message.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **Service Online**

A live stream of the worship service as well as some of the past services can be found at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com).

### **Parking Reminder**

Our handicap parking lot is designated for contractors Monday-Friday. Please park in our other two available lots. Also, please leave the spaces in front of the church open on Sundays for drop off.

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Avery Tunningley

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN

*The Earth Is The Lord's*

1. The earth is the Lord's and e - v'ry - thing in it -  
2. Can you feel the ach - ing heart of cre - a - tion?  
3. On this ho - ly ground, de - fense - less be - fore you,

From sea - bed to sky, and from o - cean to earth,  
A pla - net in pe - ril, a world in de - spair,  
Your spi - rit, O God, is the air that we breathe,

The beau - ty from here to the far -thest ho - ri - zon,  
A ha - bi - tat drained of strength and re - si - lience  
Oh, teach us to live your ho - ly vo - ca - tion:

1. A gift to us all from the mo - ment of birth.  
Can ne - ver sus - tain all the life in her care.  
To care for the ground that is un - der our feet.

2., 3.

*Chorus*  
There is no way back to the gar - den of E - den,  
But the vi - sion you pro - mise is a ci - ty and home.  
Re - deem us, O Lord, and the earth we be - long to:  
*Fine* D.C. al Fine  
Cre - a - tion still groans for a new world to come.

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, desire, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind,**

**soul, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the grace of your Christ forgive what we have been, and by the power of your Spirit help us amend what we are so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-jah!**

**Hallelujah! Halle, lu-jah!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed* - Ecumenical version

**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 THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Kate Rose, soprano

*Here I Am Lord*

Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? whom shall I send?  
(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame.  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

FIRST LESSON Marilyn Leach  
Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Psalm 24:1-6* (pg 502)

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Mark 6:6-29* (pg 40)

SERMON Daniel Carlson  
*Addressing Violence Against the Vulnerable*

\*HYMN *Hope of the World* #360

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
*Worshiping God on Holy Groud*  
Joe Doolittle, Jacob Ettkin

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY Kate Rose  
The Old Rugged Cross George Bennard

On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest  
and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home faraway,  
where His glory forever I'll share.

\*DOXOLOGY #592  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

\*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* #420

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

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**Entered into Eternal Rest**  
Amy Coons Van Voast Raimo – June 30  
A service was held on July 14  
at City Center in Saratoga at 2pm

#### In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenn Winchester by his family.

#### Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of our church who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Mary Jane Hasler, Sally Marshall, Ida May Bacon, Herm Lintner*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please contact the church office.

## Prayers To Live By

“Now I lay me down to sleep...” “...and we thank you for this food” The Faith Bookshop committee will publish a collection of our church family’s prayers to live by—prayers used at mealtime, bedtime or any other time. With your submission, please share author attribution if you know it or a brief message about who introduced you to the prayer. Please send any prayers you are willing to share for this purpose to Christina Jones at cmjones514@gmail.com by September 30. The collection will be available before Thanksgiving and in our new location.

## Schenectady/Nijkerk Exchange

FRC helped found the Schenectady/Nijkerk Exchange in 1984 and has participated in each exchange since. On Friday night, 10 Nijkerk youth and 2 chaperones arrived and some are visiting with us this Sunday and next. Next year, Schenectady adults will go to Nijkerk. Nijkerek was the birthplace of Arendt Van Curler, founder of Schenectady. Settlers who came with Van Curler were founders of FRC. Several FRC members are actively involved in their visit, including 4 families who are hosting: Etkin’s, Pizzolo’s, Doolittle’s, and Trimarco’s.

For more information, contact Laura Lee.

## Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

Sign up for flowers in the church office where you can choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

## Kinderwyk and Sunday School Volunteer Nurturers Needed

Sign up with Dorothy and reserve your time to nurture our growing youth. If you are interested in Teaching Sunday School Classes, but can’t commit to a full 3 month block, let Dorothy know as we are working to create an alternating schedule to fit our volunteers availability!

## Music Notes

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Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Christina Jones	Birdie Blackmer
Counting Deacons	Gay Doolittle, Bill Rochelle	Bill Clock, Dick Gardener
Flower Delivery	Carol Troost, Joe & Gay Doolittle	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Karen & John Norton
Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Mike Lamkin, piano
Preacher	Daniel Carlson	James Gonda
Processing Elders	Jeanette Davidson, Don Leach, Marilyn Leach, Adam Mason, Maria Todd, Barbara Walton,	Brad Lewis, Del Pierce, Christine Daniels, Cathy Lewis, Walt Robb Jeanne Shoulder
Reader	Marilyn Leach	Kristin Lion
Ushers	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta Phipps, Nat Phipps	Bill Clock, Julie Etkin, Lisa Etkin, Christina Jones, Matt Jones, Aline Stabler, Nancy Wainwright

## Coming Up

**See the newsletter or call the church office for more information**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
July 15	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15	<b>First Forum</b>	<b>Jacob Etkin – Corresponding Youth Delegate for the Regional Synod of Albany</b>	<b>Dykstra Chapel</b>
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group Cancelled	Orff Group is cancelled for today. We will not be meeting until next Sunday July 22.	Sanctuary Balcony
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass	Sanctuary
July 16	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namisohenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
July 17	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
<b>July 18</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Kerygma Summer Adventure</b>	<b>Reflections on and discussion of the experience of serving lunch to children who are hungry as part of SICMs summer lunch ministry.</b>	<b>Mohawk House</b>
July 22	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony
	11:15am	Open Hearts	Join us for a brief time of sharing concerns and praying in a confidential group every other Sunday. Please contact Karen Gonda with questions.	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Mike Lamkin, piano	Sanctuary
July 23	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email namisohenectady@gmail.com	Mohawk House Lunn
<b>July 24</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Youth families and any other members</b>	<b>Evening at Jumpin' Jack's. Meet up for dinner around 6:30pm and water ski show at 7pm</b>	<b>5 Schonowee Ave, Scotia</b>
July 28	10am	Youth Group Breakfast	Breakfast at Puzzles Cafe in Schenectady. This will be a great chance to meet some new people and get connected. Email cmjones514@gmail.com.	Puzzles Cafe 515 State St

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Place</b>
July 29	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to & pray for & with you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Dave Gleason, piano	Sanctuary
July 30	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email <a href="mailto:namisohenectady@gmail.com">namisohenectady@gmail.com</a>	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 1	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Wednesdays, no experience is needed, call the church office to borrow a ukulele.	Mohawk House Pres
Aug 5	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	Children ages 4 and older and adults are welcome to join. No experience is necessary!	Sanctuary Balcony
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	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass	Mohawk House
Aug 6	6pm	NAMI Course	The local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness offers this free course in caring for a loved one with mental illness. Email <a href="mailto:namisohenectady@gmail.com">namisohenectady@gmail.com</a>	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 7	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Aug 8	6pm	Fellowship Meal	Complimentary dinner & informal conversations shared before Contemplative Worship.	Dirck Romeyn
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Reflective service of song, Scripture, communion, prayers, and Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
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## Notes

“An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind.” — Mahatma Gandhi

“To paraphrase several sages: Nobody can think and hit someone at the same time.”  
— Susan Sontag

“Violence is a disease, a disease that corrupts all who use it regardless of the cause.”  
— Chris Hedges

“Our age not only does not have a very sharp eye for the almost imperceptible intrusions of grace, it no longer has much feeling for the nature of the violences which precede and follow them.”  
— Flannery O'Connor

“Poverty is the worst form of violence.”  
— Mahatma Gandhi

“There are so many women suffering in silence, and, yes, men, too. There are so many men and women who are humiliated in their own homes, in front of their children. How are they ever supposed to develop an idea of what safety is?”  
— Shenita Etwaroo

“Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius — and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.” — Ernst F. Schumacher

“We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion.”  
— Mother Teresa

“I am a violent man who has learned not to be violent and regrets his violence.”  
— John Lennon

“Thou shalt not be a victim, thou shalt not be a perpetrator, but, above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.” — Yehuda Bauer

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.” — Jesus