

***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.*



***Because we put God first,  
we are dedicated to caring  
for creation,  
for human diversity,  
for the next generations,  
and for each other.***

***September 22, 2019***

*First Reformed Church  
8 North Church Street  
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## Welcome to First Reformed

***Absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.***

If you are a visitor, we hope you feel at home here. Please pick up and fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. After the service please join us for refreshments.

### **Parking**

You may park right out in front of the church in the 'no parking' area' (only) if you have trouble getting around. There is an inclination to worship through the office entrance as well.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for infants through Pre-k is available from 9:45am until noon downstairs in the Education Level.

### **Youth Ed & Nurture**

Following the Children's Message all children are invited downstairs to the Youth Ed & Nurture Level to participate in Dwell Kids Class (3rd-8th grade) or Young Children and Worship (K-2nd grade); parents pick up their children there at 11:15am.

### **Children's Music After Worship**

Music for kids is offered in the upstairs music level between 11:15-12pm.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders called 'elders' walk in together and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Helping Others Focus**

It will be easier for God to get through if we silence our cell phones. God can always call you later.

### **After Worship**

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in Covenant Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. All are welcome.

### **Open 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.

### **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 please fill out a white pew card.



### **Hearing Assistance**

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

### **Non-Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911



**Season of Creation: Storm Sunday**

September 22, 2019

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, Max Caplan  
music by Erich Wolfgang Korngold (1897-1957)

*Garden Scene*  
*Hornpipe*

from *Much Ado About Nothing Incidental*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Levering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Carlson

INTROIT

*God Who Built This Wondrous Planet*

John Ferguson

\*HYMN

*The Earth Is Yours*

(see back)

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD

**O Lord of heaven and earth: we ask your forgiveness for degrading  
and destroying earth's bounty. Have mercy on us when we fail to  
enjoy this world of wonders and marvel at the complexity of your  
cosmos. Give us a broader vision to see our connection to the  
creatures who share this planet. Renew us in the waters of baptism,  
revive us with the winds of your Spirit, and redeem us through  
Christ the firstborn of all creation. Amen.**

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from our Creation Care Resolution*)

**Scripture reveals that God, through Word and Spirit, creates,  
sustains, loves, and owns the world. We commit to make care of  
creation a central priority in our congregation, for the blessing of  
the world, the strengthening of our lives, the transformation of our  
communities, and the glory of God.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM                      *Majesty and Glory of Your Name*                      Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night sky                      The beasts of the field,  
and see the work of your fingers;                      the birds of the air,  
The moon and stars                      The fish of the sea. But who are we  
suspended in space.                      That you are mindful of us?

Oh, who are we,                      O Lord our God the majesty  
that You are mindful of us?                      and glory of Your name

You have given us                      Transcends the earth  
a crown of glory and honor,                      and fills the heavens,  
And have made us                      O Lord our God, little children praise  
a little lower than the angels,                      You perfectly,  
You have put us in charge of all                      And so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia  
creation:

FIRST LESSON                      *Job 28:20-27 (pg 475)*                      Marilyn Leach  
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON                      *Luke 8:22-25 (pg 67)*

SERMON                      *Awoken Amidst the Storm*                      Daniel Carlson

\*HYMN                      *O God of Earth and Altar*                      #291

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, Max Caplan  
*Marietta's Lied from Die Tote Stadt*                      Erich Wolfgang Korngold

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

#420

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

#585

POSTLUDE

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### **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:

*Thomas Teichner, Loisanna Hager Veeder, Patricia Herman, David Erwin Bain, Jean Morgan, Janet (Jan) Crandell, Elizabeth Veeder*

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.

### **Stockade Walkabout Volunteer Needed**

On Sept 28 FRC is getting ready to share transformation. We need a few guides for two hour shifts between 11am-5pm to welcome guests and share our story. Contact Laura Lee lleelinder@gmail.com or Carol DeLaMarter at 518-393-4725 if you can help. If your church group is planning to be a part of this event, let Carol know so that it is included in Walkabout information.

### **Celebratory or Memorial Flowers**

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.

### **Season of Creation**

During September we join a growing number of congregations world-wide in attending to scriptures that emphasize various aspects of Divine Wisdom in Creation and worshiping God with the Oceans, Animals, Storms, and Cosmos.

### **Green Steps**

Did you know there are lots of online sites selling produce bags? Remember to purchase items made as close to home as possible for a lower carbon footprint. For more details, look on the FRC website.

### **Music Notes**

Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz of Musicians of Ma'alwyck with guest artist Max Caplan.

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We are facing an existential crisis... it will have a massive impact on our lives in the future, but also now, especially in vulnerable communities. And I think that we should wake up, and we should also try to wake the adults up, because they are the ones who — their generation is the ones who are mostly responsible for this crisis, and we need to hold them accountable...Adults keep saying: “We owe it to the young people to give them hope.” But I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is. – Greta Thurberg

“Action is always superior to speech in the Gospels, which is why the Word became flesh and not newsprint.”  
 — Colin M. Morris, Mankind My Church

It’s been years of talking, countless negotiations, empty deals on climate change and fossil fuel companies being given free rides to drill beneath our soils and burn away our futures for their profit. Politicians and fossil fuel companies have known about climate change for decades. They have willingly handed over their responsibility for our future to profiteers whose search for quick cash threatens our very existence. This crisis is very real, and it cannot be ignored any longer.... Faced with climate catastrophe, armed with the sound of our voices and the weight of our bodies, we, as youth, must strike to make our presence known. We strike to protect a livable future, one that is no longer guaranteed.” – Fridays for Future

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it. – The Apostle Paul

<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Bookshop</b>	Jane Wilkinson	Martha Winchester
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Caroline Brooks, Brandon Stabler	Kristin Lion, Fred Daniels
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Ellie & Gene Rowland, Carol Troost	Marey Bailey, James & Karen Gonda
<b>Forum</b>	BioSoil Farm by Chad Currin	Stories from Sabbatical by Bill Levering
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa & Julia Ettkin	
<b>Jazz Vespers</b>	Azzaam Hameed, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass; Bob Halek, drums	Tim Olsen, piano; Eric Walentowicz, sax; Rick Rosoff, drums; Mike Lawrence, bass
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Christina Jones, Natalie Pizzolo	Lian Drisgula, Natalie Pizzolo
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Daniel Carlson	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Gay Doolittle, Eric Evans, Mary Jewett, Marilyn & Don Leach	Brad & Cathy Lewis, Christine Daniels, Phil Falconer, Keith Muse, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Leach	Christine Daniels
<b>Refreshments</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Ushers</b>	Del Pierce, Lian Drisgula, Christine Lund, Tom Zych	Art Shultes, Joan Lindsay, Renat Reeves-Ellington, Amanda & Bill Potter

## Coming Up

More information is in the newsletter at the back of the sanctuary.

<b>Sun, Sept 22</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Education Level
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	Education Level
	11:15am	Children's Music	Music Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall
5pm	Youth Group	FRC Scotia	
<b>Tue, Sept 24</b>	10am	Horizon's Bible Study	Mohawk – Pres
	7pm	Book Study on Racism	Mohawk – Lunn
<b>Wed, Sept 25</b>	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Mohawk – Pres
	11:30am	Wednesday Lunch	Covenant Hall
	6:30pm	Square Dancing	Covenant Hall
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Music Level
<b>Thu, Sept 26</b>	7:30am	Breakfast Bible Bunch	Mohawk – Lunn
	10am	Hymn Picking	Bill's Office
	10am	Stitch Group	Walton Room
	7pm	Chancel Choir	Music Level
<b>Sat, Sept 28</b>	11am	Stockade Walkabout	Stockade
<b>Sun, Sept 29</b>	9am	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	Music Level
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Education Level
	10am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Dwell Kids' Class	Education Level
	10:15am	Young Children and Worship	Education Level
	11am	Care & Prayer	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	Children's Music	Music Level
	11:15am	First Forum	Poling Chapel
5pm	Jazz Vespers	Covenant Hall	

# The Earth is Yours

Michael Gungor

**G Verse** **D/F#**

Your voice it thunders      The oaks start twist - ing  
Your voice it thunders      The ground is shak - ing

**5** **C**

The forest sounds with cedars break - ing  
The mighty mountains now are trem - bling

**9** **D/F#**

The waters see You      and start their writ - ing  
Cre - a - tion sees You      and starts com - pos - ing

**13** **C**

From the depths a song is ris - ing.  
The fields and trees they start re - joic - ing

**17** **D Pre-chorus** **C**

Now it's ris - ing from the ground

**21** **G CHORUS** **D/F#**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

**25** **C**

The earth is Yours and sing - ing

**29** **D/F#**

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

**33** **C**

The earth is yours      The earth is yours

**37** **G**