

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches

The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center

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Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



April 14, 2024

The Order of Worship
***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 4)

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

All: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

Pastor: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

All: Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - "Worship Christ, the Risen King" - **Blue Hymnal #361**
(vs 1,2,5)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

All: Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response** - Gloria Patri

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.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Acts 3:12-19, I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Children of God"- **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

Special Music "Redeemer" (by Nicole C. Mullen) - **Jean Howarth**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

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

***Doxology** (As the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Special Music "Joy" (by CeCe Wians) - Jean Howarth

***Closing Hymn**- "Because He Lives" - **Blue Hymnal #358** (vs 1)

***Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Jack & Mary Butterick

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Stacey Church

Tech Booth -

Happy Birthday to ~

Yvonne Lee (11)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Bill Sherman

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Brunch - Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m. Town Hall All Church Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 15

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
6:30 p.m. Trustees- Library

Tuesday, April 16 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, April 18 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

9:30 a.m. Walk Up Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Join us following worship in fellowship hall for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

Special Music Upcoming:

May 5 - Mick Hanna

Town Hall All Church Meeting - Growth, Expansion, Evangelism, Outreach - **Today, following worship.** A brunch will also be served - breakfast casserole, fruit, etc.

The Wood Shop is open once again - but only when two or three are gathered. We ask no one be in the wood shop alone.

Walk Up Choir will sing next Sunday, April 21. Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. or just "walk up" when we are ready to sing. The song will be "He Lives."

Spring Cleaning - if your annual regimen includes re-organization of your food pantry and you have extra canned goods, please consider bringing them to the True North basket in the church narthex. 15% of the people in Newaygo County live below the poverty level and will appreciate our generosity. Jack Butterick

We will be hosting Rooms of Refuge April 22-28. If you are able to help in any way please contact Pastor Luke.

Requested Announcements

The River Valley Community Choir will be presenting its Spring Concert on Saturday, April 20, 3:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center. They will be joined by the Hope Rising Youth Choir. Singing from our church are Bill Black and Dave White. All are invited!

