

***Prayer of Dedication**

Special Music - “Anymore” by Mick Hanna - **Mick Hanna**

***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. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** - “He Leadeth Me” - **Blue Hymnal #690** vs 1

*Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Sending**

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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

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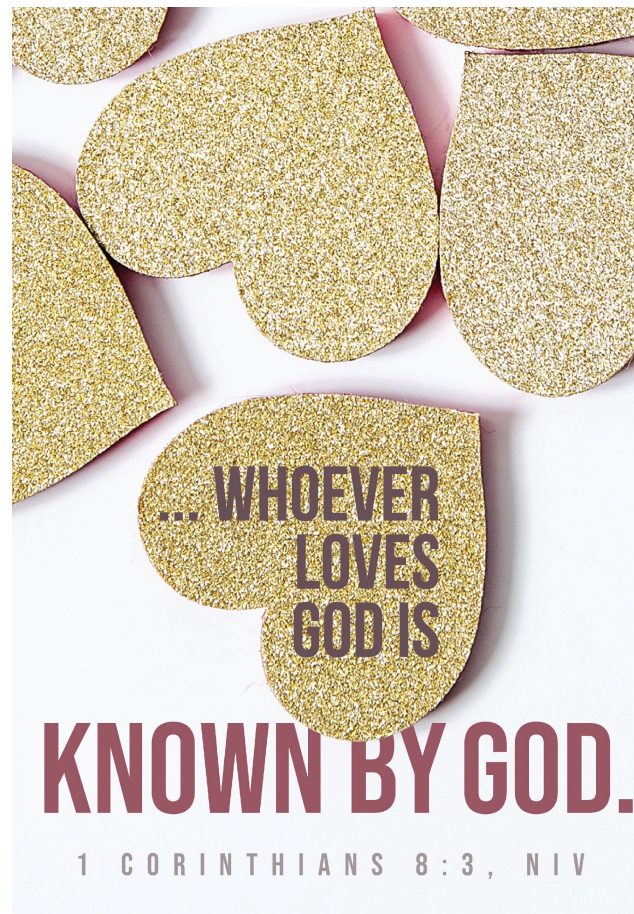
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



January 28, 2024

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 111)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - “Glorify Thy Name” - Blue Hymnal #9**

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 (based on Hebrews 10:10)

Pastor: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

All: This is God’s gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ’s one sacrifice finished on the cross.

***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:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, I Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Pride vs Love”- Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

Special Music - “Love Is” by Mick Hanna - Mick Hanna

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

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Our Church News

Greeting us today: Ruth & Miles Cowles

Next Sunday: Dick Ramm

Song Leader - Pat Krehn

Tech Booth - Jeff Stewart, Garrett Hanshue, Robin DeKleva

Happy Birthday to ~

Barbara Blass Frisbey (29)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Jack & Mary Butterick (29)

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns: Dan & Cathy Price

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Tuesday, January 30 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, February 1 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, February 2

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

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.

This morning we welcome Mick Hanna. Mick is a local solo vocalist/guitarist who has been singing for over forty-five years. He is a native of Fremont. Mick is motivated by singing meaningful songs to support others through music. Mick was a member of the very popular Christian Rock band - "Malachi". The songs Mick is sharing with us this morning he has written himself. We thank Mick for sharing his gift of music with us this morning.

Reminder: Board and Committee chairs - you have a mailbox between the two offices. Please remember to check them on occasion. **Board and Committee secretary's** please include the church office on your emailings of minutes and agendas.

The Upper Room subscription is up for renewal. Do you prefer the large print or the small print? We currently get 5 large print copies. Let the church office know if you have a preference.

The Staff of First Congregational Church want to thank the church for your generosity in giving to the Christmas Purse! We all truly appreciate the financial blessing bestowed on us by you along with the blessing we receive from God in serving with you! Peace and Joy to All!

Pastor Luke, Lorene, Mat.

Looking Ahead: Family Night Dinner - Wednesday, Feb 14 & 28

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, Feb 14

Member Class Christianity 101 (4 weeks class)

beginning Feb 18 after worship for those interested in becoming a member/recent members/current member refresher. Sign up on the sheet in the church office window.

Sunny Sunday

February 11

A Citrus Theme Day

Wear your bright clothing

Think of warmer weather ahead

Citrus Theme desserts following worship

