

Offertory

From the Land of Sky-Blue Waters

Jack Brooks

Charles W. Cadman

***Doxology**

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**

***Closing**

Blue Hymnal #438

“Jesus Saves!”

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land;
Climb the steeps and cross the waves.
Onward! ‘Tis our Lord’s command: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

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Paul Manz

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United Church of Christ



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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Toccata in g

Priere

Three Preludes on Sacred Harp melodies:

The Promised Land

(On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand)

Sweet Prospect

(Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love)

Antioch

(I Know That My Redeemer Lives)

Jack Brooks

Johann Pachelbel

Joseph Jongen

Don Hustad

Chimes

Call to the Annual Meeting

Bill Black, Clerk

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #33

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (verses 1,3,4)

Musical Invitation to Prayer

Congregation & Praise Group

"The Power of Your Love"

Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed....renewed....

Flowing from the grace that I found in You.

And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me

Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love,

Hold me close, let your love surround me;

Bring me near; draw me to Your side.

And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow'r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,

The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.

Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,

In living ev'ry day in the pow'r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me;

Bring me near; draw me to Your side.

And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow'r of Your love.

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow'r of Your love.

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

"Thank You Jesus"

Hillsong

Verse 1 - Praise Group

Grace that flows like a river washing over me

Fount of heaven, love of Christ overflow in me

Chorus: Congregation & Praise Group

Thank you Jesus, You set me free

Christ my Saviour, You rescued me (repeat)

Verse 2 - Praise Group

Take this life delivered a vessel of Your love

Wholly now devoted to see Your Kingdom come

Chorus: Congregation & Praise Group

Thank you Jesus, You set me free

Christ my Saviour, You rescued me (repeat)

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

"Chim Chim Cher-ee"

Hymn of Preparation

Praise Group

"Thy Word"

Scripture Reading

8 N.T.

Matthew 9

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

"Wineskins"

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #503

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer - Praise Group will sing The Lord's Prayer in a song called "As It Is In Heaven" by Matt Mahr

Welcome to worship and fellowship! We're glad that you could come.

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you. *Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Families with young nursery age children are welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Linda Oosterhouse
Altar Flowers:	(today) Sally DeShetler(next week)
Greeters:	Gary Deuling(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Barb Veldman, Jean Morehouse, Georgia Paxton(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Gary Deuling(today) (next week)
Towel Washer:	Judy Nadeau

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Gordon Oosterhouse, Justin Pullman (21), Pat Dekleva (22)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 21

9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time Annual Meeting

Monday, October 22

Tuesday, October 23 - *Church Office Closed*

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, October 25 - *Church Office Closed*

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters
7:00 p.m.	Oasis - Lounge

Friday, October 26

Saturday, October 27

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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Sunday, October 28

9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time

Our Church News

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 21, 2018 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2018, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2018 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2019. And we will deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting. Following the Annual Meeting we will have an open forum as to where we go from here as a church. Moderator, Gary Deuling will chair the open forum

Bill Black, Clerk

The Financial Report for the Annual Report are available.

I want to thank the Crop Walk team that supported our efforts to help those in need around the world. Our team: Ray and Sandy Dekker, Guy and Raene` Redinger, Jon and Judy Clapp, Jack and Mary Butterick, and Ann Werner. My heartfelt thanks to all of the generous folks who gave to support this cause. We collected \$935 for our envelope and another \$20 as we were about to walk. God Bless, Bev Williams

In case anyone is wondering where Deb goes during part of the sermon each week...when we have children in the nursery she meets with them to sing Sunday School songs with movement and rhythm instruments and to pray with them.

Our RADA knives will be for sale in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, October 28.

Harvest Ingathering - Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring our Harvest Ingathering once again. Please plan to donate to this worthy cause in one of two ways: 1) Bring a check made out to True North with Food Pantry on the memo line. There will be a basket for checks on our food collection table in fellowship Hall. True North will use your money to buy food in bulk and other less expensive ways. 2) Bring canned and boxed food items to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table provided. A good time to purchase some of these items is during the Spartan sale. Let's see if we can fill up our table to overflowing! Food and checks will be delivered to True North in mid November. Thank you!!!

Once again this year we will be making up gift baskets to be sold at the Home Tour, so it's time to check your cupboards and gift drawers. We need your like new items for the baskets, items like candles, jams, books, jewelry, cooking gadgets, lotions and shampoo, and slipper socks. This is not a complete list - just something to get you thinking. These baskets make good money for us and cost us almost nothing. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with a note saying they are for the gift baskets. If you have questions, call Becky Tuuk (924-6069). Thanks!

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Please join us! Rehearsals for the annual RIVER COUNTRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT start on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be held at Family of God Community Church, 90 Quarterline, Newaygo. Please join us and help prepare for the 30th Annual Christmas Concert for the Newaygo area. Although the choir has a new name, we will be singing songs that remind us of the "real reason for the season." Come, add your voice--last year's choir totaled 50 members and represented over 15 different congregations from Newaygo County and more! Rehearsals will be held on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4. The CONCERT DATE is SUNDAY, DEC. 9, at 6 p.m. Please share this invitation with anyone who loves to sing of the birth of Jesus Christ. For more information, please call Barb at 231-652-9380.

Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":

The Congo-Q has been postponed until Spring and better weather! Date TBA.

Sunday, November 18, 5:30-7:00pm- "A Time of Thankssinging!"- Sloppy Joes, Chips, Salads and more! Let's gather together for a time of Fellowship, Food, Fun and an uplifting Hymn Sing!

Coming in December (Date TBA) "Christmas Carolrama!"- More Fellowship, Food, Fun and Christmas Carol Sing! More info to come.

Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501

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SATURDAY OCT 6 - 2nd Annual "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- A "Just for Fun" competition will be held for bar-b-queurs and grillers. The winner will receive the coveted "Congo-Q" statue. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info or to register call Mat Emerick at 231-414-7501.

