

Message: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” -
Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Apostles Creed**

***Hymn** - “I Need Thee Every Hour” - **Blue Hymnal #638**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation followed by 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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** - “My Jesus I Love Thee” - **Blue Hymnal #79** vs. 1

***Benediction**

Pastor: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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

***Postlude:** “Purify My Soul” - Leslie Anderson

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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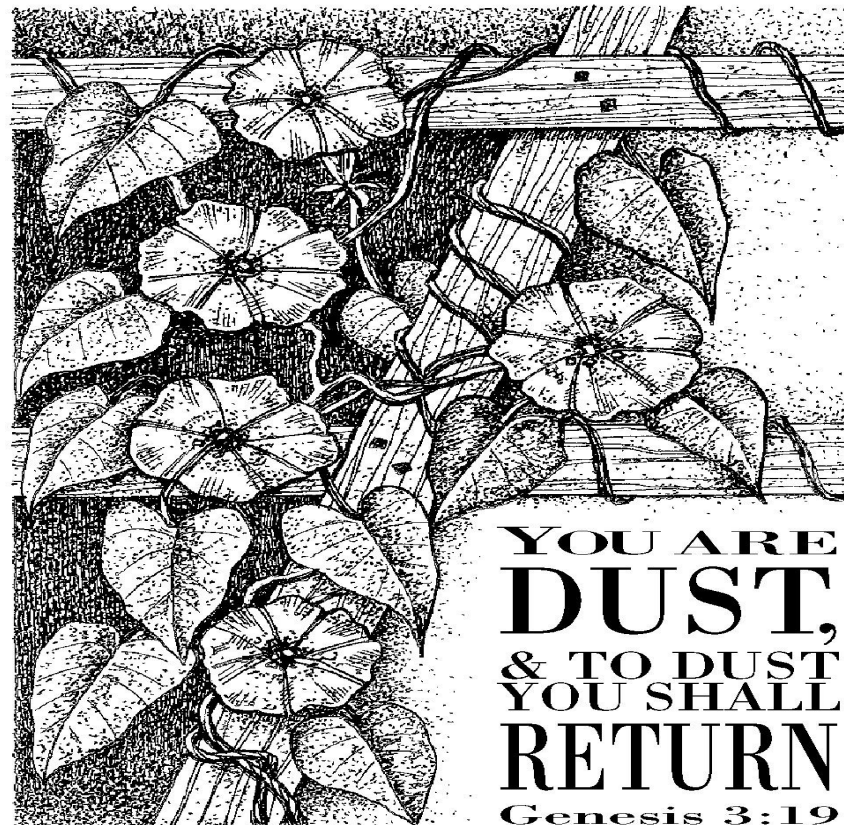
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



February 26, 2023

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 32

Pastor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord
imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**All: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my
groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was
heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer.**

Pastor: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my
iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are
faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of
mighty waters shall not reach them.

**All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from
trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Pastor: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will
counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or
a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed
with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the
torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who
trust in the Lord.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for
joy, all you upright in heart.**

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "Jesus, All for Jesus/All for Jesus" - Praise Group**

Prayer of Confession - Psalm 51

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from
my sin.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in
your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and
blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty,

a sinner when my mother conceived me.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me
wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall
be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me
hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed
rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my
iniquities.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right
spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and
do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of
your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will
return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of
my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your
deliverance.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt
offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable
to God is a broken spirit; broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

Assurance of Pardon

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 to everlasting
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday:

Happy Birthday to ~

Beverly Williams (26)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Tim & Karen Roggatz (25)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Marj Salata, Bill & Millie Sherman

Health Concerns:

Gary Hooker - hip replacement last Friday - recovering

Kelly Parks - suffered a heart attack & surgery was needed

Barb Veldman - broke leg

Betty Speet - fell and broke wrist

George Purvis - returned to his home at the Trillium

Tim & Karen Roggatz - sudden passing of Tim's sister, Beckie

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, February 27

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, February 28 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 1

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 2 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, March 3

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, March 4

7:30 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

11:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshipping together.

Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook. And now it is also available in a third location YouTube. Our "channel" can be found at First Congregational Church of Fremont MI. Be sure and check out one of our three locations.

Offering plates are located in the narthex at this time, they will not be passed. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

World got you down and need a lift? Longing to know what true happiness really is? Come join us for our **Men's Lenten Breakfast** held at Church of the Living Christ (605 Hemlock) on Saturday mornings February 25 - April 8, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and how to live out these 8 life-altering principles. Discover the joy of loving on God's Kingdom path. The theme this year is "The Beatitudes." Suggested donation: \$5.00

The Men's Fellowship Luncheon will be this Wednesday, March 1 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Karen Clark from the Great Start Program. Our chef is Todd Blake.

Requested Announcements

Fremont Christian Church is having its annual Soup & Pie Supper on Friday, March 3 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Serving traditional homemade soups - chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef, broccoli & cheese; fresh bread, crackers and an assortment of pies. Second bowl of soup free (when eaten at church). Suggested donation: Adults \$7.00, Children 3-11 yrs \$4.00 Take out is available call 924-0840 between 1 & 3 p.m. for pick up after 4:00 p.m.

