

Romans 5:1-2

Message: God's Remedy for Our Failure

1. The costliness of the deed
2. The worthiness of the receiver
3. The Greatness of the Benefit secured

Tear Here

Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place in the offering plate.

Your Name(s) _____

Phone number or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? Yes No



Romans 5:5, ESV

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

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

Sylvia Lee

Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

“We Have Come Into His House” (selection #224 Blue Hymnal)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #210

“Praise to the Lord” (verses 1,2,4)

Prayer of Confession

***Response - “Jesus Paid It All”** (refrain only)

Blue Hymnal #305

Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed It white as snow.

Story Bell

Mat Emerick

“3”

Special Music

Chancel Choir

“God Will Make a Way”

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-12

155 O.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

Love Poured Out

(see outline on back page)

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #309

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (all verses)

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

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

Offertory

Chancel Choir

“On Eagles Wings”

***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 #329

“There is Power in the Blood” (refrain only)
There is pow’r, pow’r, wonderworking pow’r
In the blood of the Lamb.
There is pow’r, pow’r, wonderworking pow’r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee



“The word is near you, “ said the apostle Paul. “It is in your mouth

and in your heart: Let us proclaim and sing God's word, that we may carry it always in our hearts. Welcome!

*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.

*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also 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:	Susan Zeerip
Altar Flowers:	Pat Krehn(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Ushers:	Dick Ramm, Georgia Paxton(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)

The flowers on the altar represent my love for God, Pastor Ray and Sandy, my church family and my family & friends. Pat Krehn

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Maggie Sweet (13), Stacey Church, Karla Johnson (14)

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)

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob DeShetler, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Jerry Miller - will be receiving pathology results this week

The family of Jim Morse

The Dougan Family - Arnie's sister, Carolyn passed away

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 10

8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase
5:30 p.m.	Congo EnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 11

6:30 p.m.	Technology Board - Library
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Tuesday, March 12 - *Church Office Closed*

3:00 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	Double Classroom Reserved - RAYZ

Wednesday, March 13

6:15 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 14 - *Church Office Closed*

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 15

7:00 a.m.	Men's Lenten Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, March 17

9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase

Our Church News

The Men’s Lenten Breakfast begins again the first Friday following Ash Wednesday. There was no one signed up for last Friday. So the first breakfast will be held here at our church at 7:00 a.m. this Friday, March 15. All men of the church and community are welcome.

Book Circle will begin again on Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Werner. We will organize and if anybody has a book they would like to bring and talk about that would be fine. If you know of somebody who would like to come and doesn’t see the bulletin please invite them.

Women’s Fellowship will be serving a Goulash Luncheon following worship on Sunday, March 24. A free-will offering will be received for the Wood Shop. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this delicious time of good food and fellowship.

Women’s Fellowship will be have a Spring Centerpiece Make & Take Ladies night on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. You will be making a small centerpiece to take home with you and we will be making them for the tables in Fellowship Hall. Coffee & Cookies will be served. Please sign up by March 20 on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Lenten Breakfast - You are invited to the Women's Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m at Fremont United Methodist Church, 351 Butterfield St. If you have any questions you may call the Fremont UMC church office at 924-0030. Hope to see you there!

Requested Announcements

A Night to Believe with Russ & Tori Taff - music, movie, q&a Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. Tickets are \$10 at the First Christian Reformed Church or online at www.iTickets.com

Feed My Starving Children would like volunteers for 2 hours sometime on March 22 & 23 meeting at True North to put together “food packs” which will be sent to developing countries with starving children. Call Linda at 231-225-5469 to volunteer.

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”:

TONIGHT - Tacorama and Hymn Sing 5:30-7:00pm- A fully stocked taco bar will be provided as well as another inspiring hymn sing and of course trivia while we eat! If anyone would like to provide one of the food items for the taco bar that would be great!

April 27- Vaudeville Show at the Dogwood 7:00pm- Another fun outreach variety show from CONGO to the community.

May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- More details TBA but put it on your calendar!

EASTER FLOWER ORDER



_____ **6" Pot Easter Lilies (\$8.00) (5+ blooms)** to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

_____ Following the worship service, I/we will pick up our lily(s).

_____ Following the worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our lily(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____
or/and

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each lily ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or in the church office by **April 5, 2019.**