

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - "Take the Name of Jesus With You" - Blue Hymnal #235

*Benediction

Pastor: All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

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

*Postlude - David VandenBelt

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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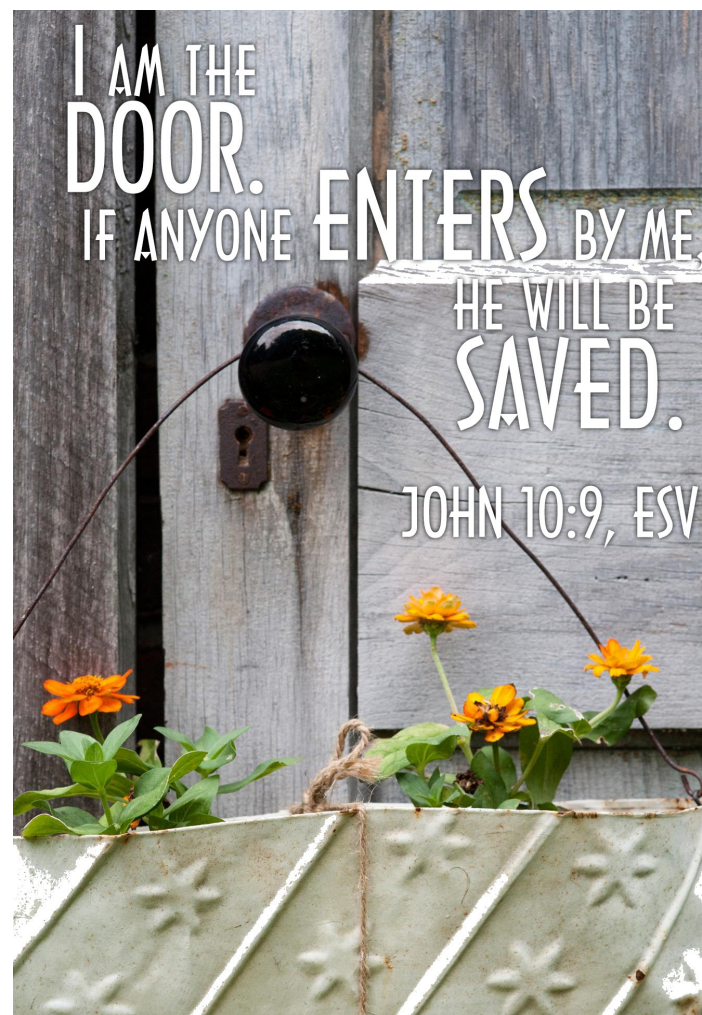
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



April 30, 2023

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

Prelude: David VandenBelt

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “Worthy of Worship” - **Blue Hymnal #153**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

All: Amen

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.

Here the good news! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came

through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response: “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 2:42-47, I Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Shepherd and Guardian of Your Soul” - *Pastor Luke Schmalz*

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

***Hymn** - “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us - **Blue Hymnal #688 (vs 1,2,4)**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

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Greeting us today: Carrie & Tony DeMull

Next Sunday: Dave White

Happy Birthday to ~

Karen Zick (2), Gail Cooper (3), Jeannie Caris (4), Bill Sherman (5)

Happy Anniversary to~

John & Gail Cooper (3)

Prayer Requests ~

The family of Marjorie Salata - Marj passed away on Wednesday.

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

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Visitation with the Salata/Moe Family - Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service - Sanctuary

Monday, May 1

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Tuesday, May 2 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 4 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 5

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Deacons 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.

Craft Corner - Spring items made by our crafters are available for a donation only (checks made out to Women's Fellowship). These items are located in the old Boy Scout display case which currently displayed pictures in Fellowship Hall.

Fight hunger in Newaygo County ... please donate packaged and canned food to True North's Food Pantry. There's a basket in the narthex. Your contribution will be appreciated.

The altar flower sign up is located on the table in the narthex. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or in memory or just because please sign up. Jim Rynberg is always willing to help with the arrangement.

Men's Fellowship Lunch, Wednesday, May 3 at 12:00 noon. Our Speaker will be Erin Kuhn, Ex. Director, of West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission. Our chef is Lou Deleguardia.

Book Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at the home of Anne VandeKieft. Loretta VanDuzen will be doing the book review.

Mark your calendar for a Make & Take Summer Flower Pot arrangement to be held on Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the coffee counter in Fellowship Hall so Women's Fellowship can pick up the necessary supplies.

Note - Sunday, May 28 we will be participating in the Ecumenical Service in the Park at 10:00 a.m. There will be no service here at church.

Requested Announcements

Mark your calendars for a Spring Concert by the River Country Community Choir (RC3). This year it will be held in Fremont at the Dogwood Center on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. Participating from our church Bill Black, Al Smalligan and Dave White.

