

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Redemption Song

Jack Brooks

Ch.Gounod

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United Church of Christ



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Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 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 **Jack Brooks & Dave Vandebelt**
Praeludium Armas Järnfelt
Shine, Jesus, Shine John Innes
How Majestic is Your Name John Innes
Jack Brooks, cello
Sarabande in C J.S. Bach

Chimes

Special Music **Chancel Choir**
“Risen Indeed!” Joseph M. Martin

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #361**
“Worship Christ the Risen King” (verses 1,2,4,5)

Invitation to Prayer **Chancel Choir**
“Jesus Paid It All” Robert Sterling

Prayer of Confession

***Response** **Blue Hymnal #365**
“Alleluia! Alleluia” (verse 1)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise,
He would on the cross as Savior For the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Story Bell **Mat Emerick**
“Twist & Shout”
(Following the Story Bell children will return to their parents as there is no Sunday School today.)

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:28-39

158 N.T.

Message

“*Bad Things Gone Good*”

Mat Emerick

***Hymn**

“He Lives”

Blue Hymnal #368

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

“Jesus Is A Rock”

Chancel Choir

1922, R.J. Oliver,

Melody by permission of the Salvation Army

***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 Hymn**

“Rejoice the Lord is King” (verses 1 & 2)
Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

Blue Hymnal #370

Jesus the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, he took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

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Happy Easter! We continue to celebrate the Easter season by gathering to worship the risen Lord. 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. **Guests ~** please take a “Book Mark” and/or “ToasterTong” home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more missed pages in your book or burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a “Book Mark” or a “Toaster Tong” but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information

***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.

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:	Jaime & Gary Deuling(today) Georgia Paxton(next week)
Greeters:	Ann Werner(today) Jon Clapp(next week)
Ushers:	Dick Ramm, Ted Caris, Jon Clapp(today) Kendra Lachniet, Shelli Waldo, Barbara Blass-Frisbey(next week)
Compassion:	Mat Emerick & Craig Zeerip
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)
April Towel Washer:	Pat Krehn

The flowers on the altar today are given by Jaime Deuling in honor of my greatest blessing from God, my husband Gary whose birthday is Monday, April 9.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

David Zeerip (8), Gary Deuling (9), Yvonne Lee (11)

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)

Ken Hall

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, April 8

8:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Worship (No Sunday School today)
11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 9

Tuesday, April 10 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Technology Board Meeting - Library

Wednesday, April 11

10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved - Gerber Retirees
6:30 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, April 12 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters

Friday, April 13

Saturday, April 14

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Interior Spring Cleaning
9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open

Sunday, April 15

8:45 a.m.	Gospel Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

There will be no children's Sunday School today.

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Social Event - All women are invited to attend a Social Event and presentation by Sandy Dekker on their trip to Israel Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center the Newaygo County Community Choir will be presenting "Roaring 20's Music". A free will offering will be received. A punch reception follows. Singing from our church are Bill Black, Al Smalligan, David Vandenbelt, Dave White and Beverly Williams.

Congo Comedy Crew Needed- Any are invited to join the crew and create a funny skit as part of the Vaudeville show! If interested call Mat at 231-414-7501.

Vaudeville Cookies Needed! If you can bake a dozen or two cookies to donate please contact Judy Nadeau at 231-924-3781.

Church Cleanup	SPRING INTO ACTION for our Church interior Spring Cleanup. Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. There will be a chore list (bring your cleaning rags). If we have enough people we may also start on some outside work. Lunch will be served!!
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Requested Announcements

Spectrum Health Hospice is offering volunteer orientations for individuals who are interested in provided compassionate support for patients nearing the end of life. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

First Congregational Church of Fremont and Friends present:

Vaudeville Comedy Show 2018



Great local talent pay tribute to great comedians throughout the years with funny skits and songs! A very funny show that'll be lots of fun for all!

Also includes some super juggling and acrobatics!

Friday, April 20, 7:30pm

Dogwood Center

**A Wonderful Family Show FREE to ALL!
Free cookies, cider, and coffee also served.**

For more info, call 924-4710