

The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

The Order of Worship

***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: Karen Roggatz

*** Opening Hymn** - “Christ Arose” - **Blue Hymnal #357**

Welcome

Call to Worship - Psalm 118

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

All: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Pastor: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

All: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Praise Song** - “Living Hope”

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

Hear the Good News! “Death has been swallowed up in

victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response** - “Because He Lives (Amen)” - Praise Group

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church! (JeLY - Jesus Loves You)

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Raised” - *Pastor Luke Schmalz*

***Apostles Creed** - “This I Believe” (The Creed) - Praise Group

***Hymn** - “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - **Blue Hymnal #367**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation concluded with **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** - “This Is Amazing Grace/Amazing Grace” - Praise Group

***Benediction**

Pastor: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

All: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Pastor: Let us bless our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Pastor: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

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

***Postlude:** Karen Roggatz

Greeting us today: Lou Delguardia

Next Sunday: Susan Stewart

Happy Birthday to ~

Yvonne Lee (11)

Happy Anniversary to~

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns:

Judy Nadeau - Broke her leg

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 9 - Easter

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, April 10

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, April 11 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 12

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, April 13 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 14

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal - sanctuary

Saturday, April 15

3:00 p.m. Wedding - sanctuary

Sunday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

11:15 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.

Note: The Deacons' meeting has moved to Sunday, April 16 following worship.

Requested Announcements

Coming to Fremont UMC Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. Brent Vernon, singer, song writer, ventriloquist, author, illustrator. Vernon is singer-songwriter and ventriloquist from South Florida, Using songs, stories, and humor to communicate his faith, he has crisscrossed countless times as well as performing in Ireland, Australia, Canada and the Caribbean With songs of hope and redemption, he encourages his listeners to passionately seek God's Kingdom while resting in God's faithfulness. Come see him live. A free will offering will be taken.

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.



*Thank you to each one who donated
Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary
a lovely place in which to celebrate our
Lord's resurrection.*

Carol & Bill Black in memory of Aunt Lucile Black.
Jack & Mary Butterick in memory of Jerry Barringer.
Barbara Blass-Frisbey in memory of Merlin (Moe) Pardike.
Pat & Robin Dekleva in memory of Howard & Mary Pikel and
John Dekleva.
Sally DeShetler in memory of Bob DeShetler.
Patti Johnson in memory of Dick.
Pat Krehn in memory of my friend Kathy Bushen.
Dean & Jean Morehouse in memory of our parents.
Judy Nadeau in memory of Van Nadeau.
Crystal & Luke Schmalz in memory of Nicolas Micko.

Carol & Bill Black in honor of our family.
Brad & Stacey Church in honor of family & friends.
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