

***Hymn - “Come to the Table”- Blue Hymnal #464**

Dedication of Communion Table

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

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

***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 - “Spirit Song” - Blue Hymnal #384**

***Benediction**

Pastor: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound I hope.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

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

***Postlude:** Lorene Witte

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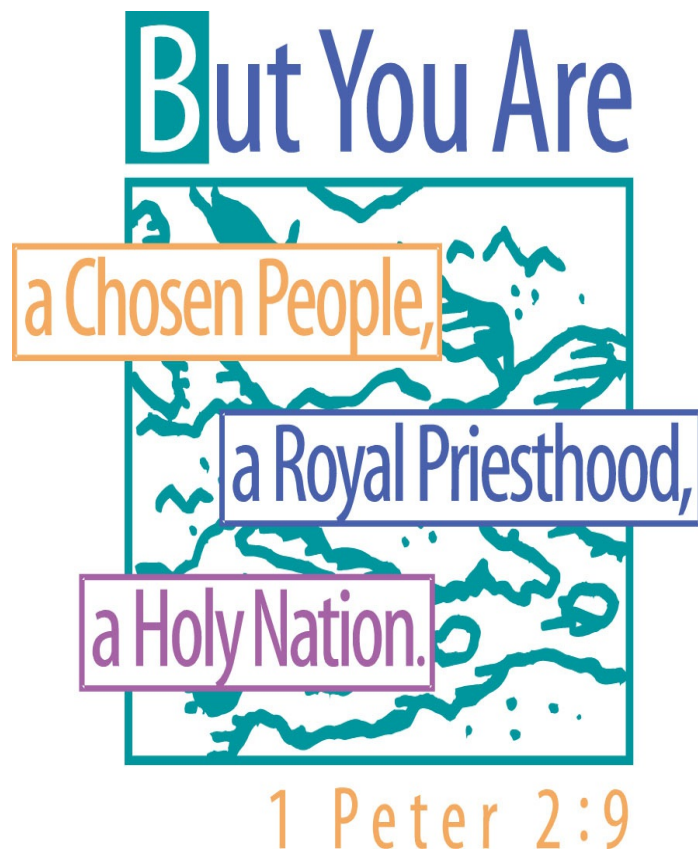
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



MAY 7, 2023

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 31

Pastor: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

All: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

Pastor: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

All: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “To God Be the Glory” - **Blue Hymnal #56**

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.

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! “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: “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 7:55-60 , I Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “A Peculiar People” - *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

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Greeting us today: Dave White

Next Sunday: Lou Delguardia

Happy Birthday to ~

Siria Pinnick, Craig Zeerip(13)

Happy Anniversary to~

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns:

The flowers on the altar are given by Dean and Jean Morehouse to honor their granddaughter, Meg, who is graduating with honors from Hope College.

This Week's Calendar

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

Monday, May 8

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
6:30 p.m. Tech Board - Library

Tuesday, May 9 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 10

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 11 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship led by Crystal Schmalz
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

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 (May & June) is located on the coffee counter in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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.



Starting May 10 at 6 PM we are trying something new, an experiment. I am calling it Family Night Dinner. It is a time for community, fellowship, and growing in God. This is part of our goal to be deeply rooted and future-focused.

It is a time for us to gather around the

table. It will be a casual time to enjoy being with friends. After the meal, we will have a short Bible study. This is an opportunity for the church to be together as a family, dig into the Bible, and reach our community. Through time together and studying God's word we will become deeply rooted in God and community. This is future-focused as many people may not be comfortable or ready to come to a Sunday morning service but a casual meal with friends is an easy ask.

Family night will be the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. It will be short starting at 6:00 and over by 7:00 so that kids can be home in bed and minimal driving in the dark. This will provide another time and opportunity for those who struggle with Sunday morning to connect with the church. We live in a time when people struggle with loneliness, lack of family and community, and feeling lost. The church is a place where they can be accepted and welcomed. I hope that Family Night is a way for us to grow as Christians and to reach our community with love.