# Requested Announcements

Grieving? We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group. This 14 week course offers help and support to those grieving. A \$10 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide our healing. There is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any time. However, you are encouraged to attend all sessions. We begin on Tuesday, September 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at First Fremont CRC. Registration is helpful but not required 924-2460.

Hope 101 Ministry Inc invites you to a picnic celebration showing their appreciation and hearing about their plans and dreams on Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. at The Shack. Please RSVP to Shari 652-9422.



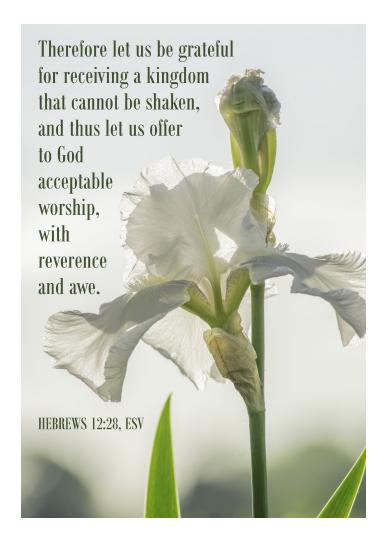
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# The First Congregational Church

**Your Independent Worship Center** 



August 21, 2022

#### The Order of Worship

\*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

# Call to Worship - Psalm 103

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Let us praise the Lord!

#### **Opening Prayer**

\*Opening Hymn - "Majesty"- Blue Hymnal #10

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession,

tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.

All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

#### **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! I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. (Jeremiah 33:8)

#### All: Thanks be to God.

#### \*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.

Video - "Secret Ambition"

**Scripture**: Isaiah 58:9b-14, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God.

Message: Unshakable Kingdom - Pastor Luke Schmalz

\*Apostles Creed - words on wall

\*Hymn - "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"- Blue Hymnal #668

#### **Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests**

# **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 - "Make Me a Blessing" - Blue Hymnal #670 vs.1

\*Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious to you;

The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

\*Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

\*Postlude: Lorene Witte

**Greeting us today**: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Next Sunday: Kendra Lachniet

Happy Birthday to ~

Nancy Johnson (27)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Dean & Jean Morehouse (21), Jack & Fran Stewart (22), Tony & Carrie DeMull(24)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Bill & Millie Sherman

Pat Krehn - recovering from knee surgery Brad Church - hip replacement surgery

#### This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 21

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 22

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, August 23 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, August 24

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, August 25 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, August 26

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, August 27 Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

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 worshiping together. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

**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, we will not be passing them. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

**Mark your calendar for** the next Ecumenical Worship Service at Veteran's Memorial Park. Sunday, September 4 we will worship together at 10:00 a.m. Bring your lawn chair for seating. Pastor Luke will be giving the message.

We will be taking orders for Church t-shirts. Samples are in the library along with a sheet to place your order.



**A celebration of life gathering** for Raymond Smith will be held at Lakes 23 on Saturday, September 3 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.