

**\*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

**Centennial Anniversary:** *Our church's 100 year history has been a journey from small beginnings in 1875 to a position of spiritual leadership in the community in 1975 - - a journey that was characterized by struggles and problems, successes and victories, a journey that was filled with warm human fellowship and joyful worship of God.*

**1975-2000:** *As we draw to the close of the last 25 years, we find the church strong spiritually, physically and financially. We find a loving, caring membership sharing its Christian principles and love of God as it accomplishes its goals through the creation of a strong youth program and increasing fellowship among the adult members.*

Serving Christ and the Community for 125 years and the mission continues.

# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

August 7, 2022

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## **The Order of Worship**

\*please stand, if you are able

**Prelude:** Lorene Witte

**Welcome and Announcements:** Stacey Church

### **Call to Worship - Psalm 33:12-22**

Pastor: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.  
The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.  
From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—  
he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.

**All:** *A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.*

Pastor: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

**All:** *Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and shield.  
Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.*

Pastor: Praise the name of the Lord!

**All:** *The name of the Lord be praised!*

### **Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn - “How Great Thou Art”      Blue Hymnal #147 vs1,3,4**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy  
forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your way, to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and  
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for  
us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new  
creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**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.

**Scripture:** Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

**Message:** *Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused* - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Hymn - “Amazing Grace”- Blue Hymnal #343 vs. 1,3,4,5**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Apostles Creed** - words on wall

**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 - “O God Our Help in Ages Past” - Blue Hymnal #686**

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## **Our Church News**

**Greeting us today:** Kelly Parks

*Next Sunday:* Jean & Dean Morehouse

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Pat Krehn (7), Jeff Stewart(8), JoAnn Dekleva(10)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Jeff & Susan Stewart(11)

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Crystal & Pastor Luke Schmalz in celebration of their wedding anniversary which was August 4.

**Prayer Requests ~**

**Our shut-ins:**

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

### **This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, August 7 - Anniversary Sunday!**

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

**Monday, August 8**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

**Tuesday, August 9 - Church Office Closed**

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Narthex being recarpeted

**Wednesday, August 10**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Week 3 - Library

**Thursday, August 11 - Church Office Closed**

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

6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

**Friday, August 12**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Saturday, August 13**

**Sunday, August 14**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Welcome to worship!** We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshipping together. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

**Today's service will be** available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://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.

**A four week Bible study** on prayer, which began July 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the library continues for 2 more weeks. If you missed last week - you are still welcome to join us this week Wednesday.



**Mark Mark your calendar for A Summer Celebration of Music** on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts presented by The First Congregational Church. The concert will feature local talent including our own Deb & Mat Emerick. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. See the flyer enclosed in the bulletin.



### **Requested Announcements**

**The Newaygo United Methodist Church**, 101 State Road, Newaygo invites you to a concert by the New Legacy Project formerly the Blackwood Legacy on Sunday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. The New Legacy Project blend the best of Country Gospel, traditional and edgy newer Southern Gospel, with today's popular worship music, while staying true to the Gospel Message. Admission is free!