

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**

***Special Music** “Jerusalem” (And Did Those Feet in Ancient Times)

Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

***Closing Hymn** - “All Glory Laud and Honor” - **Blue Hymnal #300**

***Benediction**

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

All: Amen

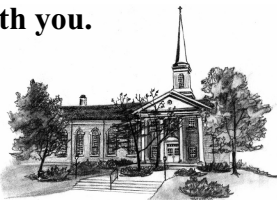
***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches



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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



March 24, 2024

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:1-2, 20-29)

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: His steadfast love endures forever.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

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

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who come in the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” - **Blue Hymnal #297**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive

what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

All: Amen.

Prayer

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 everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, “his steadfast love endures for ever.” Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! 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.

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

Scripture:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “A Strange Parade”- **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

***Special Music** - “The Holy City”

- **Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

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Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Tech Booth - Jeff Stewart, Garrett Hanshue, Kendra Lachniet

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

David & Mary Zeerip (24)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Bill Sherman

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, March 25

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

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, March 26 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 27

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

6:00 p.m. Family Night - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 28 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, March 29

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

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday!

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - location TBD



Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Join us following worship in fellowship hall for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The Men's Lenten Breakfast have begun. March 30, 8:00 a.m. at the Church of the Living Christ. This years topic is Fruits of the Spirit - Discover the joy of living on God's Kingdom path. Next weeks topic is "Self Control".

Thank you to Stacey, Martha and Jack for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning.

Special Music Upcoming:

Palm Sunday (today):

Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

Easter Sunday - Stacey Church

April 14 - Jean Howarth

Flower/Coffee Host sign up - The March/April sign up sheet is located on the counter in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to serve coffee or donate flowers for the Altar. If you have flowers at home you would like to share on Sunday, we welcome those, or as you know, Jim is always willing to put an arrangement together for you too.

Following worship on Sunday, April 7 Pat Krehn will give a short presentation on the instructing how to use the defibrillator. What is a defibrillator? Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again. Our defibrillator is located on the wall in the narthex.

Town Hall Meeting - Growth, Expansion, Evangelism, Outreach - Sunday, April 7, following worship.

Good Friday - March 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Easter - March 31 - 10:00 a.m.

