

***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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn - "There Is A Redeemer" - Blue Hymnal #308

***Benediction**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

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

*Postlude: Lorene Witte

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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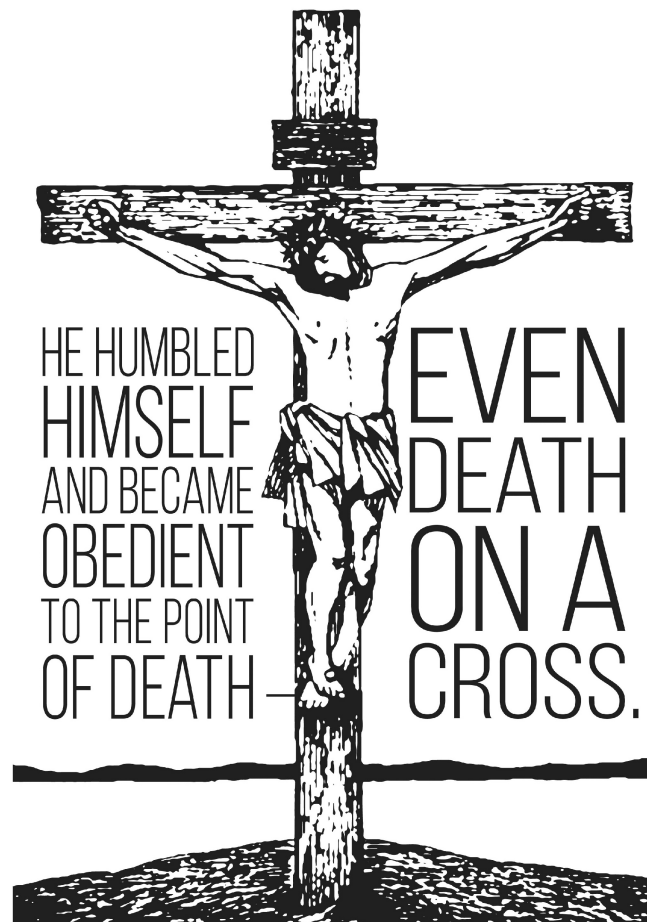
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV

October 1, 2023

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Psalm 78

Pastor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Pastor: In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn** - "Praise the Lord Ye Heavens, Adore Him" -

Blue Hymnal #82

Prayer of Confession

All: 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 ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 good news! (Ezekiel 18:30-32) Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. 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.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!

(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Exodus 17:1-7, Philipians 2:1-13(text), Matthew 21:23-32

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Therefore God Highly Exalted Him"

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

***Hymn** - "Have Thine Own Way Lord" - **Blue Hymnal #591** vs.1,2,4

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

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Our Church News

Greeting us today: Susan Stewart

Next Sunday: Dick Ramm

Song Leader - Stacey Church

Tech Booth - Jeff Stewart, Garrett Hanshue, Kendra Lachniet

Happy Birthday to ~

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns: Jim Rynberg

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Monday, October 2

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Mtg - Library

Tuesday, October 3 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, October 4

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. The Chosen - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 5 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 6

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - 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.

Wednesday, October 4 - "The Chosen" will be shown in Fellowship Hall. 6 - 6:30 p.m. Popcorn will be provided.

Come ~ travel to Spain with us as Kendra Lachniet presents A Travelogue on Spain on Sunday, Oct 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar.

Requested Announcements

All are invited to an Ole Fashion Hymn Sing Saturday, October 7th at The Shack 2263 W 14th, White Cloud starting at 7:00pm sponsored by Bible League's Newaygo County volunteers led by Christi Handy and friends. Free will offering will be taken. Sweet treats to follow provided by The Shack.

Do you enjoy singing sacred choral music? Can you commit to rehearsing and learning music? Join us - the River Country Community Choir!! Beginning October 17- December 8 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Newaygo United Methodist Church. Concert will be Saturday, Dec 9 at 3:00 p.m. Grant Fine Arts Center.

Wellspring Adult Day Services "Fill the Well" Auction will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Clear your calendars and come enjoy a fun evening! If you would like to donate an item to be included in our auction, please contact Tammy Cowley at 231.638.8786 or email wellspringtammy1@gmail.com . All proceeds from the auction will help support this valuable program which benefits our whole community. Thanks again for all your continued support!

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 15, 2023 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2023, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2024 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2024. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting. Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Clerk