

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 - "King of the Jews"

sung & written by **Lori Micko-Rodriquez**

***Benediction**

Pastor: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, our his blessing upon all things created, and upon you, his children, that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

***The Peace of Christ**

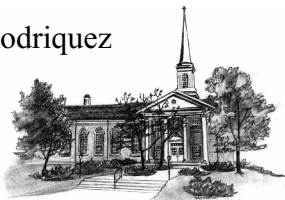
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Lori Micko-Rodriquez



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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



SUNDAY

April 28, 2024

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

Prelude: Lori Micko-Rodriquez

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made the bright, warm sunshine and the freezing-cold snow.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: God made you, and God made me.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn -“All Creatures of Our God and King” - Blue Hymnal #63**
vs. 1,2,5

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: O God, the earth is full of your creatures; in wisdom you have made us all, and you have delivered us into one another’s care, asking that we love one another as you first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity, contempt rather than respect, ignorance rather than love. Communities, peoples, creatures, lands, seas - they have been set apart, or torn apart, or driven apart, by conflicting claims and thoughtless ambitions. You know our works and our thoughts, Lord. So do this day as you have promised: Gather together all our tribes and tongues, and restore us to harmony. Reconcile us in your spirit of peace, and from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall worship your name.

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 good news of the gospel about all of creation: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God!

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:

I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Flute Solo - “Somebody Bigger Than You and I” Lori Micko-Rodriquez

Message: “Savior of the World”- Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

***Hymn - “This Is Our Father’s World” - Blue Hymnal #143**

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
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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Pat Krehn

Next Sunday: Bill Black

Song Leader: Lori Micko-Rodriquez

Tech Booth -

Happy Birthday to ~

Beth Hooker (24), Mary Butterick (27), Kendra Pfeiffer, Karen Zick (2), Gail Cooper (3), Jeannie Caris (4)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Duane & Loretta VanDuzen (24), Pat & Robin Dekleva (30), John & Gail Cooper (3)

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 28 - Creation Care Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Tree Dedication (weather permitting) - front lawn
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Tuesday, April 30 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
12:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 2 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

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.

Today is Creation Care Sunday - we will be highlighting creation and nature (April 22 - Earth Day). Following worship (weather permitting) we will gather on the front lawn to dedicate the new tree planted this week.

Special Music Upcoming: May 5 - Mick Hanna

The Wood Shop is open once again - but only when two or three are gathered. We ask no one be in the wood shop alone.

There are two sign up sheets located at the bulletin table in the narthex. One is for *Hope Initiative* (an at home devotion time with suggestions of people interaction and community ideas) the second is *Three Circles Training* (introduced at the Town Hall Meeting) - please sign up if you are interested in one or both so Pastor Luke can plan accordingly.

A Suggestion Box is located on the table outside the church office. If you have a useful suggestion please put it in the box.

“Somebody Bigger Than You and I”

Who made the mountains? Who made the trees?
Who made the rivers flow to the sea?
And who sends the rain when the earth is dry?
Somebody bigger than you and I

Who made the flowers to bloom in the Spring?
Who made the song for the robins to sing?
And who hung the moon and the stars in the sky?
Somebody bigger than you and I

He lights the way when the road is long
He keeps you company
And with His love to guide you
He walks beside you
Just like He walks with me

When I am weary, filled with despair
Who gives me courage to go on from there?
And who gives me faith that will never die
Somebody bigger than you and I



Caring for God's Creation