

**\*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**

**Communion Preparation - "Come to the Table" - Blue Hymnal #464**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Closing Hymn - "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" - Blue Hymnal #517**

**\*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.**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude: Lorene Witte**



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

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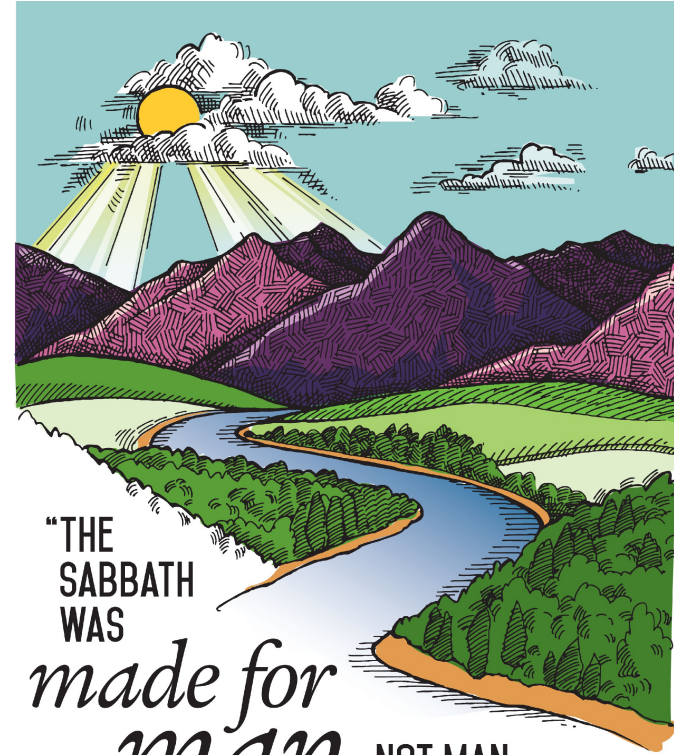
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.

# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



"THE SABBATH WAS made for man, NOT MAN FOR the Sabbath."

MARK 2:27

June 2, 2024

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

**Prelude:** Lorene Witte

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 139)

Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Pastor: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**All: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

Pastor: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn - “Open My Eyes That I May See” - Blue Hymnal #563**

**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: Here the good news! We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

**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 Samuel 3:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “Lord of the Sabbath”- Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

**\*Hymn - “Be Still and Know” - Blue Hymnal #585**

**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 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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**Altar Rep:** Ruth Cowles

**Greeting us today:** Dick Ramm

Next Sunday: Jon Clapp

**Song Leader:** Stacey Church

**Tech Booth** - Thank you volunteers!

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Lauren McKivitz (3)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Miles & Ruth Cowles(3)

**Prayer Requests ~**

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

*Health Concerns:*

### *This Week's Calendar*

#### **Sunday, June 2**

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

11:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

#### **Monday, June 3**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

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

#### **Tuesday, June 4 - Church Office Closed**

12:00 noon Book Circle - Salad Lunch at Bev Williams home

#### **Wednesday, June 5**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, June 6 - Church Office Closed**

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

#### **Friday, June 7**

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

#### **Saturday, June 8**

#### **Sunday, June 9**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

### *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.

**With summer upon us you** might have a need or a burden you would like to talk with Pastor Luke about. Or you might just want to chat for a bit. Please call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Luke to schedule a meeting.

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

**Book Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 4 at 12:00 noon for their annual Salad Luncheon at the home of Bev Williams. Please bring a salad to share.

**Men's Fellowship Luncheon** will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 12:00 noon. Our speaker will be Genji Leclair, who will tell us all about raising honey bees and making honey under the label, Great Lakes Bee Co, since 1974.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

June 9 - Leslie Anderson - special music

June 16 - Walk Up Choir

June 23 - Mat Emerick - performance

June 30 - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks - special music

### *Requested Announcements*

**Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?** Life Line Screening will be here at First Congregational Church on Friday, July 26, 2024 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001
- Online: <https://www.lisa.social/hzca>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607



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