

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

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

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

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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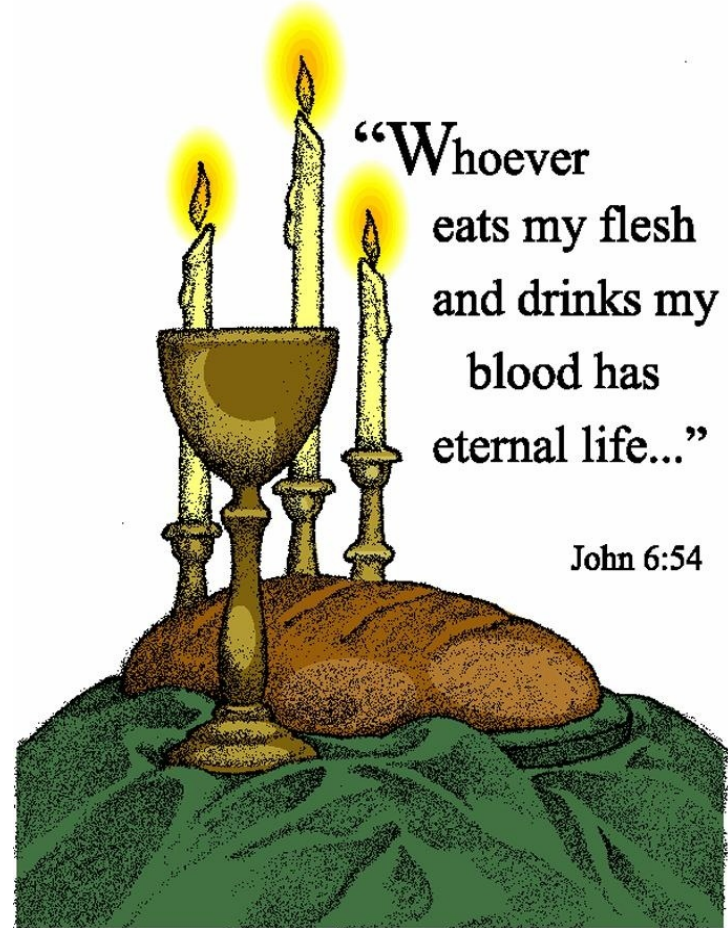
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...”

John 6:54

August 18, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 111)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymns - "How Great Thou Art" - Blue Hymnal #147**

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! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***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 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, John 6:51-58

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Abide In Me" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

Walk Up Choir - "It is Well" #705

"Seek Ye First" #713 - Preparation to Prayer

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

***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 Master Let Me Walk With Thee" - Blue Hymnal #665**
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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

Song Leader: Bill Black

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Dean & Jean Morehouse (21), Jack & Fran Stewart (22), Tony & Carrie DeMull (24)

Prayer Requests ~

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 19

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

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

6:30 p.m. Trustees - Library

Tuesday, August 20 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, August 21

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

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

Thursday, August 22 - *Church Office Closed*

10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 23

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

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

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Pastor Luke will be on vacation Tuesday, August 20 - Saturday, August 24.

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). So let us come before God in awe and praise.

Walk Up Choir sings this morning. We will be singing "It Is Well With My Soul" #705 and "Seek Ye First" #713. Just "walk up" and sing.

Word was received last Friday morning that Rev. Frank A. Vietze passed away (6/30/36-8/8/24) in Worcester, MA. We are asking that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the food pantry at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI. A private celebration of life will be held at the convenience of the family.

Stewardship letters were sent out this week. If you did not receive a letter and would like information and a pledge card please let Lorene know. Additional pledge cards are available in the literature rack. The Trustees would like pledge cards returned by Sept. 15. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2025 so the Trustees can prepare a balanced budget.

The side door to the north has been found open a few times this month. If you use that door be sure to pull lit shut and double check that it is properly closed. Thank you!

Requested Announcements

Help Needed - Carpet and Tile Removal Event - Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Rooms of Refuge has purchased the Christian Life Center Building (behind Family Dollar) and will be renovating. If you have gloves or tools that will help, please bring them along. Pizza and water provided. Questions? John David 652-4099

Come when you can - Leave when you want

Grieving? Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend a GriefShare Group. This 14 week course offers help and support to those who feel lost. A \$10 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide your healing. You are encouraged to attend all sessions. However, there is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any time. We begin on Tuesday, September 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest). Register online at griefshare.org or call 924-2460. Registration is helpful but not required.