

***Closing Hymn - "Jesus Loves Me" - Blue Hymnal #185**

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

Please exit to the font lawn for the dedication of our newly planted tree

***Postlude:** Lorene Witte

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 20, 2024 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2024, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2025 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2025. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Absentee ballots are available in the church office if you will not be able to attend and would like to vote on the proposed 2025 budget and the bylaw change..



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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Job In all this,
did not sin
in what he said.

Job 2:10, NIV

October 6, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Call to Worship (Psalm 26)

Pastor: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

All: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Pastor: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides. Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty, those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

All: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymns - "My Life is In You, Lord" - Blue Hymnal #542**

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:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Hard Things" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

***Hymn - "The Solid Rock" - Blue Hymnal #526**

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**

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Susan Stewart

Next Sunday: Dean & Jean Morehouse

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Dick Ramm passed away - please keep his daughters, Susan (and Steve) and Mary Beth in your thoughts & prayers. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

- 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, October 8 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 10 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

- 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. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

Tree Dedication - following the benediction today we will move to the front lawn for the dedication of our newly planted (April, 2024) tree.

Have you turned in your Annual report? A few reports are still needed.

Crop Walk, TODAY - Registration will begin at 12:45 pm in Veteran's Memorial Park and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. The course is 4 miles but for those of us who can't walk the entire route, transportation will be provided back to Veterans Park. No bicycles or tricycles permitted. Handouts with details are available at the window of the FCC Kitchen as well as a basket for donations. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you!

The Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B

Family Night - Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. Come for food and fellowship and a short Bible study.

Harvest InGathering - October 13 - November 10 - bring your pantry items to the table by the office. Checks are welcome - made out to TruNorth

Requested Announcements

The 4th Annual Good Ole Fashion Hymn Sing led by Christi Handy will be held Sunday afternoon, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Shack in the Saw Mill (note location change) Building. Sponsored by volunteers of Newaygo County Bible League International. A free will offering will be received.

Newaygo County Right to Life will host a benefit and information dinner on October 15 at All Saints Church in Fremont. The speaker will be Legislative Director for Right to Life of Michigan, Genevieve Marnon. For tickets you can call Michelle Barends at 231-307-0633.

Please join us for the 9th Annual Gathering of Friends presented by the Newaygo County Compassion Home Friday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the All Saints Church Event Center. To register, please RSVP by October 23 by calling 231-335-2625. Event includes free cocktails, appetizers, live and silent action, raffles and more.

