

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn - "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"**

- Blue Hymnal #668

*** Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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 Schmaltz

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



February 9, 2025

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Pastor: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "To God Be the Glory"- **Blue Hymnal #56** vs 1 & 3

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 (Isaiah 6:5-7)

Pastor: Hear the good news! And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Praise the Lord for he is quick to forgive.

All: Praise the Lord!

***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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Ruth Cowles

Message:

"A Higher Calling"

Pastor Luke Schmaltz

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

***Hymn** - "Here I Am Lord" - **Blue Hymnal #589**

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 *continued on back page*

Altar Rep: Carrie DeMull

Greeting us today: Gary Hooker

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Lector: Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Garrett, Robin, Lou, Kendra

Happy Birthday to ~

Susan Stewart (11), Ginny Price (13), Dean Morehouse (14)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Cathy Kellerman - broke her collar bone in a fall - painful

Sally DeShetler - broke her leg in a fall - her mailing address is

Apostolic Christian Village; 10680 Steiner Road, Rittman, OH 44270 - Room 312

Susan VandenBelt - not feeling well (for several months)

Kelly Parks - recovering from her partial hip replacement

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, February 10

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. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, February 11 - Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Library in use

Wednesday, February 12

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

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

1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall or Library in Use

Thursday, February 13 - Church Office Open today

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

Friday, February 14

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

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

Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

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. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

Gentlemen and Ladies - Coffee Hosts are needed for the last two Sunday of February and all of March. The sign up sheet is located on the coffee counter. Cookies, etc don't need to be homemade if that is easier for you!

A New 2025 Address Directory will be made in the next couple weeks. Do you have any changes that should be noted/updated? Aren't currently in the directory and would like to be?, New phone #, email?, etc. Please let the church office know as soon as possible.

150th Anniversary - we are preparing to celebrate our 150th Anniversary! If you have pictures, artifacts, etc please let Pastor Luke know. The committee: Jim Rynberg, Judy Nadeau, Lou Deleguardia, Pastor Luke.

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday evening, 4:30 p.m., February 23 - we will have an Evangelism Training with the Gideons. Pizza will be provided.

Deacon Connections - Our Deacons (Jim Rynberg, Ruth Cowles, Dave White, Cathy Kellerman, Mat Emerick, and Brian Webb) have each been given a list and will be reaching out to all the members and friends of the church. You can expect a call at some point this year. The goal is to see how your walk with God is going and how the church can serve YOU.

Walk up Choir will sing next Sunday, February 16. The songs selected will be "O Jesus, I have Promised" #676 and "Seek Ye First" #713. All are welcome to sing. No rehearsal needed just 'walk up'.

