

***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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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

Celebrating 150 years ~ August 1875 - August 2025



April 13, 2025

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

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

All: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Pastor: Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm tress and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

All: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - Blue Hymnal #297

Prayer of Confession

All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. 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 Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: In Christ, God answers us and set us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! 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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Brian Webb

Message:

"The Grand Entrance"

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

Special Music - "Were You There?" - Jean Howarth

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**

Special Music - "Via Dolarosa" Jean Howarth

***Sending Hymn - "All Glory, Laud and Honor" - Blue Hymnal #300**

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Liturgist: Brian Webb

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

Prayer Requests ~

Sally DeShetler - slowly doing better but will be at the following location for a while yet - Apostolic Christian Village

Room 312, 10680 Steiner Road, Rittman, OH 44270 - she

loves receiving cards from her friends!

The family of Siria Pinnick

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, April 14

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, April 15 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Wednesday, April 16

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

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

Thursday, April 17 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 18

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

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

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship.

Thank you to Jean Howarth for sharing her gift of music with us on this Palm Sunday.

Men's Lenten Community Breakfast Saturday, March 8th - April 19. They will be held at the Church of the Living Christ at 8:00 a.m. All Men are encouraged to attend.

Join with us on Friday, April 18 for our Good Friday service beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Rooms of Refuge - will be using Fellowship Hall April 14-21. Thank you to those who volunteered to bring a meal.

Community Closet says Thank You! for the \$528 donated in January - March; Prevention of Child Abuse (PCA) will be the recipient of Noisy Offerings, the last Sunday of each month, April-June. PCA's Mission is to strengthen families and prevent child abuse, neglect; Vision is communities free of child abuse where children/families thrive. Our financial help will be appreciated. For Charitable Giving/jb

Siria Fedora Marie Mary Delores Pieri Pinnick passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 23. Her daughter Cristine said they are planning a service for May 24 with burial in the Memorial Garden. Please keep the Pinnick family in your thoughts and prayers.

Women's Fellowship Spring Fling - Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. A Taco Bar Lunch will be served and our speaker will be Crystal Schmalz. We welcome friends to join as well. Please sign up on the sheet by the church office, on the coffee counter, or call or email Lorene at congo@fremontfcc.org by Sunday, April 27 so we know how many to plan for.

