

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing**

Blue Hymnal #746

"He Keeps Me Singing"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus - Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

***Postlude**

Gloria Patri

Jack Brooks

Joseph Barnby

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United Church of Christ

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**"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead...
and Christ will shine on you."**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Toccata in d	Jack Brooks
Andante (from Sonata for solo violin)	J.S. Bach
Som st järnorna på himmelen	J.S. Bach
Toccata on the 2 nd Psalm	W. Peterson-Berger
	Kenneth Walton

“Why do the heathen so furiously rage together”

Chimes

Call to the Annual Meeting

Bill Black, Clerk

Call to Worship

Deb Emerick

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #97

“Sing Praise to God”

Welcome / Opening Prayer

Musical Invitation to Prayer

Congregation & Praise Group

“The Power of Your Love”

Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed....renewed....

Flowing from the grace that I found in You.

And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me

Will be stripped away by the pow’r of Your love,

Hold me close, let your love surround me;

Bring me near; draw me to Your side.

And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow’r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,

The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.

Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,

In living ev’ry day in the pow’r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me;

Bring me near; draw me to Your side.

And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow’r of Your love.

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on

In the pow’r of Your love.

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

“Thank You Jesus”

Hillsong

Verse 1 - Praise Group

Grace that lows like a river washing over me

Fount of heaven, love of Christ overflow in me

Chorus: Congregation & Praise Group

Thank you Jesus, You set me free

Christ my Saviour, You rescued me (repeat)

Verse 2 - Praise Group

Take this life delivered a vessel of Your love

Wholly now devoted to see Your Kingdom come

Chorus: Congregation & Praise Group

Thank you Jesus, You set me free

Christ my Saviour, You rescued me (repeat)

Drama ~ Rip Van Winkle

Cast in order of appearance:

Judy Clapp

Mat Emerick

Sarah Phinney

Trevor Garbrecht

Mady Garbrecht

Mitia Westenfelder

Brad Garbrecht

Abigail Hoaglin

Music: Jack Brooks & Karla Johnson

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #343

“Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer - Praise Group will sing The Lord’s Prayer in a song called “As It Is In Heaven” by Matt Mahr

Offertory

Jack Brooks

Bagatelle No. 2 opus 6

Bela Bartok

***Doxology**

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*

“Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together” Welcome to worship!

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you. *Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Families with young nursery age children are welcome to use the “Family Room” in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Linda Oosterhouse
Altar Flowers:	Sally DeShetler(today) Gary Deuling(next week)
Greeters:	Ted Caris(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Ushers:	Barbara Blass-Frisbey, Steve Johnson(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Karla Johnson(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Towel Washer:	Judy Nadeau

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Lauren Zeerip (28), Sally DeShetler (29)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Bob & Bonnie Erber (28)

The flowers on the altar are given by Sally & Bob DeShetler in honor of the members of our church.

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

The family of PT Lindner. PT passed away on Wednesday, October 17

The family of Cathy Carothers (a former member) who passed away on Wednesday, October 17

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, October 28

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, October 29

Tuesday, October 30 - Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, November 1 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
7:00 p.m. Oasis - Lounge

Friday, November 2

Saturday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, November 4

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Our Church News

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on **Sunday, November 18, 2018** for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2018, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2018 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2019. And we will deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting. **Bill Black, Clerk**

Absentee Ballots will be available for the Annual Meeting. Contact the church office (924-4710) congo@fremontfcc.org or email Bill Black - black815comcast.net

In case anyone is wondering where Deb goes during part of the sermon each week...when we have children in the nursery she meets with them to sing Sunday School songs with movement and rhythm instruments and to pray with them.

Our RADA knives will be for sale in Fellowship Hall today!!

Harvest Ingathering - Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring our Harvest Ingathering once again. Please plan to donate to this worthy cause in one of two ways: 1) Bring a check made out to True North with Food Pantry on the memo line. There will be a basket for checks on our food collection table in fellowship Hall. True North will use your money to buy food in bulk and other less expensive ways. 2) Bring canned and boxed food items to Fellowship Hall and place them on the table provided. A good time to purchase some of these items is during the Spartan sale. Let's see if we can fill up our table to overflowing! Food and checks will be delivered to True North in mid November. Thank you!!!

Once again this year we will be making up gift baskets to be sold at the Home Tour, so it's time to check your cupboards and gift drawers. We need your like new items for the baskets, items like candles, jams, books, jewelry, cooking gadgets, lotions and shampoo, and slipper socks. This is not a complete list - just something to get you thinking. These baskets make good money for us and cost us almost nothing. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall with a note saying they are for

the gift baskets. If you have questions, call Becky Tuuk (924-6069). Thanks!

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Requested Announcements

Please join us! Rehearsals for the annual River Country Community Christmas Concert start on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be held at Family of God Community Church, 90 Quarterline, Newaygo. Please join us and help prepare for the 30th Annual Christmas Concert for the Newaygo area. Although the choir has a new name, we will be singing songs that remind us of the "real reason for the season." Come, add your voice--last year's choir totaled 50 members and represented over 15 different congregations from Newaygo County and more! Rehearsals will be held on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4. The concert date is Sunday, December 9, at 6 p.m For more information, please call Barb at 231-652-9380.

With mixed emotions we regret that after 7 years, 360 boxes and many duffle bags and diaper bags we are shutting down Team Keagan. We appreciate the First Congregational Church and the people who have generously given of their time, talents and donations.

Bernie Denney and Team Keagan

Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":

The Congo-Q has been postponed until Spring and better weather! Date TBA.

Sunday, November 18, 5:30-7:00pm- "A Time of Thankssinging!"- Sloppy Joes, Chips, Salads and more! Let's gather together for a time of Fellowship, Food, Fun and an uplifting Hymn Sing!

Coming in December (Date TBA) "Christmas Carolrama!"- More Fellowship, Food, Fun and Christmas Carol Sing! More info to come.

Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501



Poinsettia Order



	Red	White
6" pot - 4-7 blooms \$6.00	_____	_____
8" pot - 8-12 blooms \$15.00	_____	_____
10" pot - 16+ blooms \$24.00	_____	_____

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Poinsettia(s) to be used during Advent.

_____ Following worship service, I/we will pick up our poinsettia(s).

_____ Following worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our poinsettia(s) in an appropriate way.

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each poinsettia ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or turned into the church office no later than **November 18, 2018**

