

The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



May 22, 2022

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Karen Roggatz

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship - Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth
your saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "Ye Servants of God" - Blue Hymnal #38**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news!
When you were dead in trespasses,
God made you alive together with him,
when he forgave us all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

All: 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.

Scripture: John 14:23-29, Revelation 21:10, Revelation 22:5 - Gary Hooker

Message: "If Anyone Loves Me" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Hymn - "All for Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #588**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer -

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen

***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 - "Because He Lives" - Blue Hymnal #358 (vs 1 & 3)**

***Benediction**

Pastor: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

All: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Pastor: Let us bless our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Pastor: May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will be every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***Postlude:** Karen Roggatz

Our Church News

Greeting us today: Barb Veldman

Next Sunday: No Church here

Happy Birthday to ~

Brian Stroschin (23), Ted Clark, Lou Deleguardia (24), Duane VanDuzen (26)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Brad & Stacey Church (25)

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Duane VanDuzen's 94th birthday.

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Bill & Millie Sherman

Health Concerns:

Marj Salata - suffered a stroke this week.

Jeannie & Ted Caris' niece, Heidi suffered a stroke this week.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 22

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 23

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, May 24 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 25

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, May 26 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 27

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 29

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship at Veterans' Memorial Park
(No worship here!)

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshipping together. Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook. And now it is also available in a third location YouTube. Our "channel" can be found at First Congregational Church of Fremont MI. Be sure and check out one of our three locations.

Offering plates are located in the Narthex at this time, we will not be passing them. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

The Altar Flower calendar is once again located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The Coffee Hosts calendar is located on the counter of the kitchen.



NEXT Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments and kids' activities. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/FirstCRCFremont.

Help is needed for the Combined Worship - set up, take down, park clean-up, Kids' Korner. A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall or talk to Pastor Luke.

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