

Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

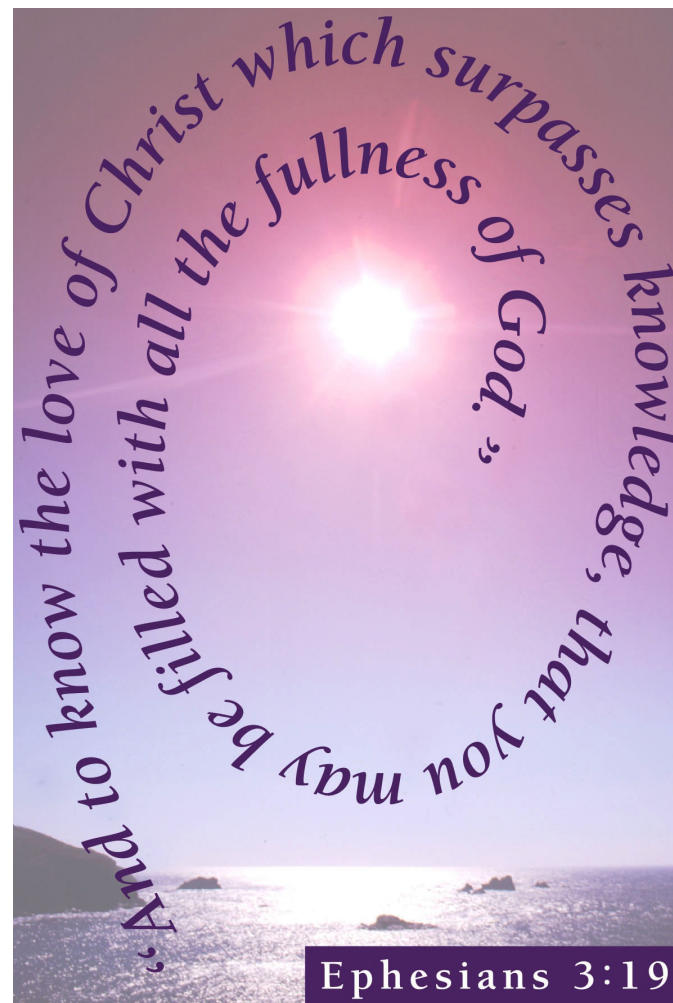


***Our Photo Booth will be set up
in the narthex for pictures in
honor of Father's Day.***

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



June 19, 2022

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: David Vandenberg & Family of God (sing-a-video)

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer - Psalm 43

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

All: *For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?*

*Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?*

Pastor: O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

All: *Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.*

***Opening Hymn - "This Is My Father's World" - Blue Hymnal #143**

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Righteous Father,
We who own more than we use,
Proclaim more than we experience,
And request more than we need,
Come asking your forgiveness.
We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.
We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.
We experience your grace, then act defeated.
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.
We have become confused and misguided.
Forgive our every defection.
Bring us an unbroken commitment
And a steady trust,
Through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,
The truth of God, And the life of love, Now and always.
All: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news!

Jesus, himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that,
free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds
you have been healed.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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: I Kings 19:1-15 and Ephesians 3:14-21 **Stacey Church, reader**

Message: *"Love of the Father" - Pastor Luke Schmalz*

***Hymn - "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" - Blue Hymnal #97**
(vs 1,3,4)

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 - "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" - Blue Hymnal #210(vs 4)**

***Benediction**

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.

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

Congregation: And also with you.

***Postlude:** David Vandenberg

Greeting us today: Ted Caris
Next Sunday: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Happy Birthday to ~
David Vandenberg (24), Lissa Denney (25)
Happy Anniversary to ~

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Norma Purvis.

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 20

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
7:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, June 21 - Church Office Closed

12:00 noon Book Circle Salad Luncheon - Bev William's home

Wednesday, June 22

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, June 23 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, June 24

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

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.

Book Circle - Our next gathering will be Tuesday, June 21 at 12:00 noon for our Annual Salad Potluck. We will meet at the home of Bev Williams. Each person is asked to bring a small-medium size salad of any kind. Bev will provide drinks and dessert. There will be no book review.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (formerly Deacons' Fund): In support of our Christian love and caring for people around us our Bylaws direct us to: *Establish a Deacons' Fund in cooperation with the Pastor to be used at the discretion of the Pastor for emergency funding of those in dire need.* Our Pastor's Discretionary Fund is funded by your contributions and is in need of replenishment in today's difficult financial environment e.g. rising prices of everything we use on a daily basis. Please write your check to FCC with Pastor's Discretionary Fund on the Memo Line, put it in the offering plate or mail it to our church. Thank you! Jack B.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Women's Survey. We have tallied the results and we now have some planning to do to make the fun happen!! Please keep an eye out for more details to come in early Fall 2022.

Women's Fellowship

Lorene will be out of the office June 20 - June 29. If you need to reach her please leave a message on her cell phone (231-282-0515) or send an email to congo@fremontfcc.org

Mark your calendar for the next Ecumenical Worship Service at Veteran's Memorial Park. **Sunday, July 3** we will worship together at 10:00 a.m. Bring your lawn chair for seating.