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 - "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" - Blue Hymnal #503 (vs 1&2)

*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: Karen Roggatz

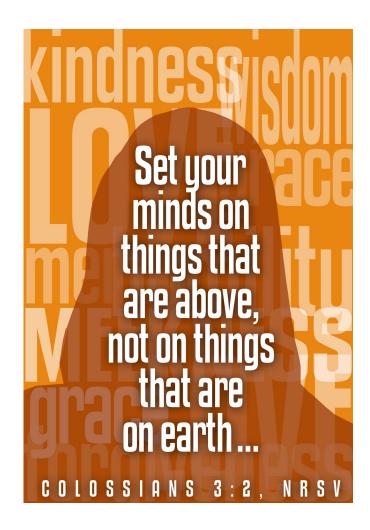
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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



July 31, 2022

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Karen Roggatz

Welcome and Announcements: Stacey Church

Call to Worship - Psalm 49:1-12

Pastor: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

All: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Pastor: Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice

All: that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

Pastor: When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

All: Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" -

Blue Hymnal #90 vs1,3,4

Special Music

Karen Roggatz

"Just As I Am"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: 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 me

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 way, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Colossians 3:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord *All:* Thanks be to God

Message: "Vanities of Vanities" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

The Apostles Creed - words on wall

*Hymn - "Jesus Is Lord of All"- Blue Hymnal #519

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)

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Greeting us today: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

Happy Birthday to ~

Jennifer Tuuk(31), Roger Tuuk (1), Jack Butterick (4)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pastor Luke & Crystal Schmalz(4)

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins:

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 1

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Tuesday, August 2 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, August 3

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open 6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Library

Thursday, August 4 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, August 5

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, August 6

Sunday, August 7 - Anniversary Sunday!

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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 worshiping 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.

Mark your calendar and join us for a Bible study on prayer, focusing on the prayers and teaching of Jesus. A four week study starting July 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you missed last week - you are still welcome to join us this week Wednesday.

