

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on. *Refrain:*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. *Refrain:*

We can almost hear the trumpet sound, the Lord's return is near;
There are still so many people lost, His message they must hear.
Father, give us one more moment, one more day,
just one more year - With God we're marching on. *Refrain:*

***Benediction**

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***Postlude**

Sylvia Lee

Tear Here

Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place it in the offering plate.

Your Name(s) _____

Phone number or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? ___ Yes ___ No

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2019

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

Sylvia Lee

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“My Country, Tis of Thee”

Blue Hymnal #807

Story Bell

“To Infinity....and dare I say it?”

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Blue Hymnal #389

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13

13 N.T.

Message

Appearances Can Be Deceiving

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“Come to the Table”

Blue Hymnal #464

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

Offertory

Sylvia Lee

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing**

Blue Hymnal #804

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

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We gather in gratitude for freedom to worship God in this land, intent on not taking this opportunity for granted. Welcome to worship, one and all.

*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.

*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also 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:	Barb Clark
Altar Flowers:	Bible/Communion(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

*Happy Birthday to ~
Michael Stroschin (7)*

Prayer Requests ~

(The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick
Health Concerns - Jerry Miller, Shelli Waldo & Frank Blain
Harlow Redding - stage 4 kidney failure - now in comfort care

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 7

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, July 9 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 10

Thursday, July 11 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, July 14

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship followed by **All Church Meeting**
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
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Our Church News

Plans are for worship to be held in Fellowship Hall for the months of July, August and possibly September. Hopefully the weather will warm up a bit and we will be grateful to worship in the comfort of an air conditioned space.

This announcement is to inform all members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont that before our third church strategy meeting on July 14th there will be a special meeting of the membership. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine if we stay aligned with the UCC or become a free standing community based church. This action is based on the vote taken at the last church strategy meeting concerning this matter.

Exact verbiage will be as follows:

.... Stay aligned with the UCC

.... Become a free standing community based church

Our church governing body will remain the same as it always has been with only the clarifications of job responsibilities and to whom every employee reports to be defined .

Members in good standing are described in the bylaws as follows.

(1) Active support of the program, mission and spiritual direction of the first Congregational Church.

(2) Regular support of its parish and benevolent interests.

(3) Sharing with one another in the fellowship and program of the First Congregational Church.

(3) Attending faithfully the services of worship.

All members and friends of the First Congregational Church are cordially invited. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will start immediately following the church service.

Book Circle will meet at the home of Marj Salata on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Bev Williams will do the book review.

You are invited to attend a farewell luncheon for the Rev. Frank Vietze at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. Frank and Barb are leaving West Michigan to live near his family in Massachusetts. The farewell is scheduled to happen following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 21.

Requested Announcements

The Fremont United Methodist Church will host its 17th Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Ticket Prices are \$7 - Garden Tour and \$7 - Salad Luncheon. The Garden Tour includes complimentary refreshment and bar cookies at the church. Craft marketplace, salad luncheon and bake sale are located in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds benefit mission projects at FUMC.

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”:

Saturday, July 27- Congo Picnic on the Church Lawn, 4:00-6:00pm- Hot dogs, brats, chips, baked beans and water provided for a contribution. Bring your own soft drinks if you'd like. Please also bring a dish to pass if you'd like but not necessary.

Friday, August 30, 7:00pm Vaudeville In The Park- Veteran's Memorial Park Stage. This year's show will benefit Empowerment Network. Free will offering taken along with baked goodies sale. Baked goodies needed!

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