

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

Dance Caprice

Jack Brooks

Edvard Grieg

***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 #670

“**Make Me a Blessing**” (verse 1)
Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad.
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.
Make me a blessing; make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray.
Make me a blessing to someone today.

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Marche Nocturne

Jack Brooks

G. Macmaster

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United Church of Christ



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 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

Praise the Lord, my soul adore Him
tune: Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele
O God Thou Faithful God
tune: O Gott, Du frommer Gott
May Jesus Christ Be Praised
tune: Laudes Domini
Holy, Holy, Holy
tune: Nicaea

Jack Brooks

Flor Peeters

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Don Wrytzen

Don Wrytzen

Chimes

Call to Worship

“Joyfully”

Praise Group

Kari Job

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (all verses)

Blue Hymnal #3

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 flows 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)

Anthem

Reverie

Jack Brooks

Claude Debussy

Story Bell

“Revived”

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Mat Emerick

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18

19 N.T.

Message

“To Forgive”

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Blue Hymnal #406

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy

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*God has showered us with love, and we respond by uniting in worship.
Welcome, 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.

***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:	Jim Rynberg
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Shirley Brooks(today) Shelli Waldo(next week)
Ushers:	Steve & Karla Johnson, Judy Clapp(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Steve & Karla Johnson, Guy Redinger
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Fran Stewart(today) Sarah Huizenga & Pat Krehn(next week)
Towel Washer:	Yvonne Lee

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Nancy Lindner (24), Van Nadeau (24), Judy Nadeau, Jane Stroschin (27), Troyer Church (29)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pete & Nancy Lindner (23)

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)

Van Nadeau - hospitalized at St. Mary's

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 23

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

Monday, September 24

Tuesday, September 25 - Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 26

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

Thursday, September 27 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, September 30

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

Our Church News

The Assignment Boards are in the narthex and the office window. Please fill in some empty spaces for the coming months.

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Trustees ask that your pledge cards be returned TODAY so they can begin work on a budget for 2019.

Book Circle will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 18 at the Fremont Public Library to hear about new books. Loretta VanDuzen will be our hostess.

The CROP Walk needs YOU! Walkers, financial supporters and prayer partners. How will YOU make a difference?

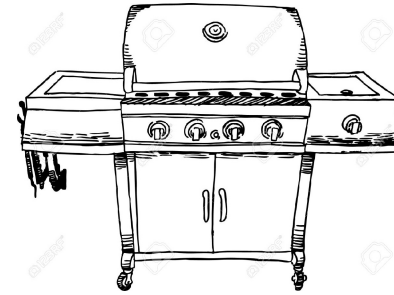
Flu Shots will be given in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Flu shots are usually covered by insurance. Cost without insurance is \$38. This is a walk-in flu clinic - no appointment needed.

Requested Announcements

Pastor	Rev. Raymond Dekker (home & cell phone)231-670-3438 (e-mail) rvdekker@fremontfcc.com
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Music Facilitator	Deb Emerick 924-9558
Secretary	Lorene Witte 924-4710
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First Congregational Church of Fremont Invite All to the:

"Congo-Q"



with Professional Bar-B-Quer Mark Westcott
("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")

9:00am- BBQ/Grilling Tutorial with Mark
10:00am- "Just for Fun BBQ/Grilling Competition
Bring your own grill and meat (any kind) and supplies
1:00pm- Pulled Pork (by Mark) For all who come!
A donation will be accepted.

Saturday, Oct 6
First Congregational Church
714 Hillcrest, Fremont
For more info or to register call 231-414-7501

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 OCT 6 - 2nd Annual "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- A "Just for Fun" competition will be held for bar-b-quers and grillers. The winner will receive the coveted "Congo-Q" statue. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info or to register call Mat Emerick at 231-414-7501.

