

***Benediction**(Isaiah 66:12-14)

Pastor: For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Rachel Poches



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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



May 12, 2024

The Order of Worship
***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: Rachel Poches

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 93)

Pastor: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

All: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

Pastor: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

All: Praise the Lord!



Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "Rejoice, the Lord is King" - Blue Hymnal #370**

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

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 49:15)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

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.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Luke 24:44-53, John 6:1-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Making Bread in All of Life" - Crystal Schmalz

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

***Hymn - "A Christian Home" - Blue Hymnal #451**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

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

***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 - "Faith of Our Mothers" - See insert or words projected

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Altar Rep: Ruth Cowles

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Dean & Jean Morehouse

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Tech Booth - Garrett Hanshue, Kendra Lachniet, Jeff Stewart

Happy Birthday to ~

Siria Pinnick, Craig Zeerip (13), Linda White (14), Tony DeMull (17)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Bill Sherman

Health Concerns:

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day & Ascension Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship with Crystal Schmalz

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

Monday, May 13

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:30 p.m. Tech Board - Library

Tuesday, May 14 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Work Bee

Wednesday, May 15

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, May 16 - Church Office Closed

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

10:00 a.m. Rain Date for Outdoor Work Bee

Friday, May 17

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

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, May 18

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Tea - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Join us following worship in fellowship hall for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

A Suggestion Box is located on the table outside the church office. If you have a useful suggestion please put it in the box.

The crafters are looking for baby yarn - perhaps you have some left over from a previous project? That is just what we need. Drop it off at church.

Outside Work Bee, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, with a rain date of May 16th. Tasks: general cleanup of grounds and spreading mulch in front and side landscaping. Bring your own rake, trowel, etc. Many hands make light and quick work!

We will be participating in the Combined Outdoor Worship service on Sunday, May 26 - there will be no worship in our sanctuary. See the announcement below for additional information.

Requested Announcements

Do you have any books you've been wanting to pass on? The Fremont Public Library is accepting donations for the upcoming Book Sale. Drop them off at the library or here at church.

On Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. 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 activities. An offering will be received for Camp Sunshine, a ministry that provides camp experience for youth and young adults with special needs. The camp will be at Camp Henry this year in early June. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at :

<https://www.youtube.com/@firstfremontcrl886>