

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** - "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" -

**Blue Hymnal #390**

**\*Benediction**(Romans 15:13)

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**\*Postlude:** Lorene Witte

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**



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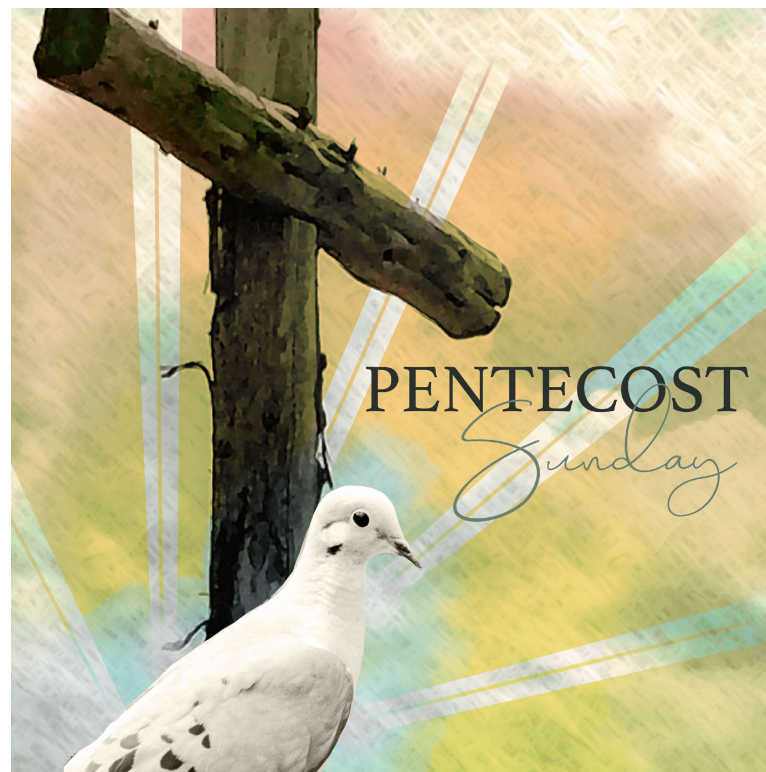
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# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



**May 19, 2024**

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

**Prelude:** Lorene Witte

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 104)

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**All: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Pastor: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

**All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn - “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” - Blue Hymnal #391**

**“Holy Spirit, Light Divine” - Blue Hymnal #392**

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor: Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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** (based on Ezekiel 36:24-28)

Pastor: “I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

**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:**

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “Suddenly”- Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostles’ Creed** (words projected)

**Walk Up Choir - “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” Blue Hymnal #564 and  
“There’s Something About That Name” Blue Hymnal #83**

**Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests**

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**Altar Rep:** Ruth Cowles

**Greeting us today:** Dean & Jean Morehouse

Next Sunday: Community Worship in the Park

**Song Leader:** Bill Black

**Tech Booth** - Thank you volunteers!

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Brian Stroschin (23), Ted Clark, Lou Deleguardia (24), Duane VanDuzen (26)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Brad & Stacey Church (25)

**Prayer Requests ~**

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

*Health Concerns:*

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are given in honor of all church members, past and present.

### **This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Monday, May 20**

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. Trustees - Library

**Tuesday, May 21 - Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, May 22**

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

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

6:00 p.m. Family Night - Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, May 23 - Church Office Closed**

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

**Friday, May 24**

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

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

**Saturday, May 25**

**Sunday, May 26 - No worship here**

Worship together at 10:00 in Veterans Memorial park

**Monday, May 27** Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 28 - Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, May 29**

6:30 p.m. Executive Council

### **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.

**Thank you to the** Walk Up Choir for singing for us this morning. They are singing "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" #564 and "There's Something About That Name" #83. If you are familiar with the songs please feel free to join us up front to sing.

**Family Night is this** Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

**We will be participating in the Combined** Outdoor Worship service NEXT 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@firstfremontcrc1886>