

Closing Hymn - “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” - Blue Hymnal #639

***Benediction**

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude: Lorene Witte**



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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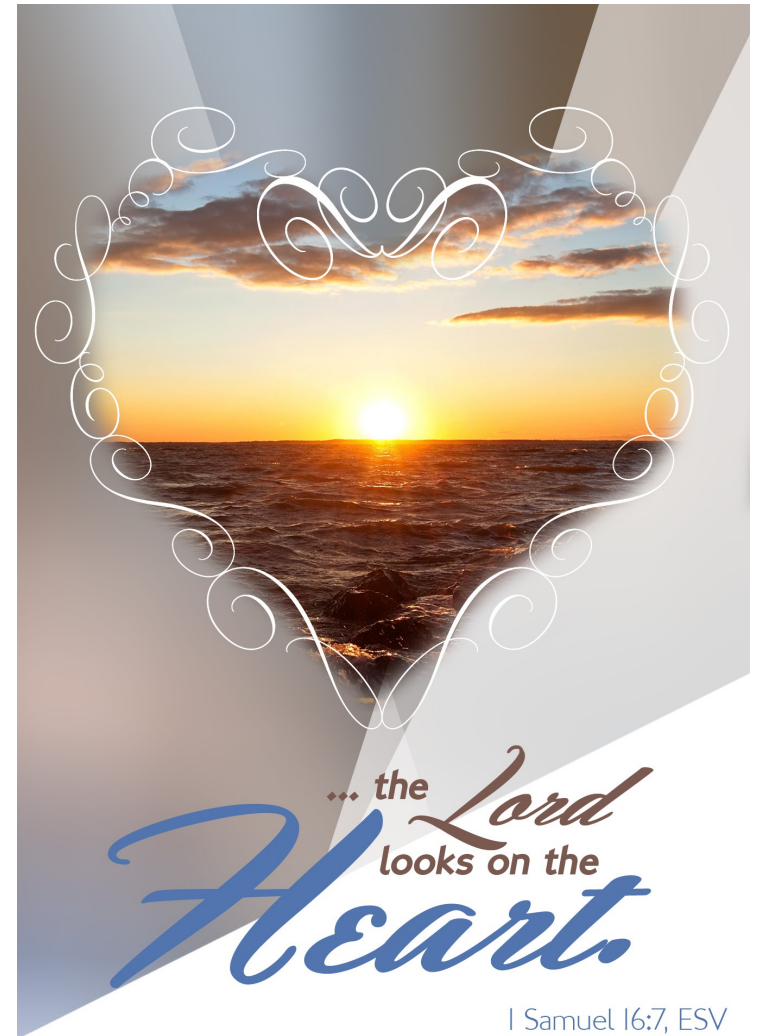
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



June 16, 2024

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

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 20)

Pastor: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion. May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

All: May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Pastor: Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand. Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

All: They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn - "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - Blue Hymnal #169**

(vs 1,3,5)

Prayer of Confession

All: 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

Pastor: Hear the good news! You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

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:

I Samuel 15:34-16:13, Mark 4:26-34

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Lord Looks on the Heart"- **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Walk Up Choir - "Faith of Our Fathers" - Blue Hymnal #404

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**

***Hymn - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - Blue Hymnal #33**

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Altar Rep: Ruth Cowles
Greeting us today: Ted Caris
Next Sunday: Kelly Parks
Song Leader: Bill Black
Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!
Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

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

Health Concerns:

Bill Sherman is under Hospice Care.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 16

9:30 a.m. Walk Up Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 17

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, June 18 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 19

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

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

Thursday, June 20 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, June 21

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

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

Saturday, June 22

Sunday, June 23 - Summer Sunday Celebration

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member.



Sally DeShetler will be leaving for Ohio this week.

Note cards are in the narthex - drop Sally a note of encouragement, a memory, etc.

Next Sunday is Summer Sunday Celebration - we will enjoy ice cream with strawberries following worship. Invite cards are in your bulletin with extras on the table by the office. Pass them out and invited others to join us.

With summer upon us you might have a need or a burden you would like to talk with Pastor Luke about. Or you might just want to chat for a bit. Please call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Luke to schedule a meeting

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

Walk Up Choir will be singing "Faith of Our Fathers" today. If you would like to join in singing, just come up to sing when it is time.

Looking Ahead:

June 23 - Mat Emerick - performance

June 30 - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks - special music

Requested Announcements

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at First Congregational Church on Friday, July 26, 2024 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001
- Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hzca>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

