

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude:** Lori Micko-Rodriquez

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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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.



September 8, 2024

The Order of Worship

***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: Lori Micko-Rodriquez

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 125)

Pastor: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

All: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

Pastor: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymns - "In the Garden" - Blue Hymnal #635

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! Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

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:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "A Lived Faith" - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Flute Solo - "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **Lori Micko-Rodriguez**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

***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**

Song of Preparation - "The Old Rugged Cross" - **Blue Hymnal #327**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn** - "Goodness of God"

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.**

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Brad & Stacey Church

Next Sunday: Barb Clark

Song Leader: Lori Micko-Rodriguez

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers!

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Bill & Carol Black (10)

Prayer Requests ~

The family of Lou Deleguardia - passing of Lou's son, Wil

The family of Bev Williams - passing of Bev grandson

The flowers on the altar are given by Lou Deleguardia in loving memory of his son, Wil.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 8

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Monday, September 9

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

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

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

Tuesday, September 10 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library

Wednesday, September 11

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, September 12 - Church Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 13

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

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

Saturday, September 14

Sunday, September 15

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. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

The Trustees would like pledge cards returned by next Sunday. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2025 so the Trustees can prepare a balanced budget.

Walk Choir will sing next Sunday, Sept 15. The songs are "Children of the Heavenly Father" #719 and "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #639. Come rehearse at 9:30 a.m. or just 'walk up' when it's time to sing.

Rooms of Refuge will be using our facilities on September 16-23. If you are willing to provide a dinner for them please sign up on the sheet by the church office. Questions? Talk with Pastor Luke.

Autumn Sunday - September 22 - Invite your friends and neighbors - Come for worship at 10:00 and stay for a slice of apple pie.

All Church Meeting - Sunday, September 29 - this is a followup from the meeting we had in April.

Crop Walk, October 6

Crop Walk began in 1969, sponsored by Church World Service, to provide food, water and resources that empower hungry/thirsty people around the world to meet their own hunger-fighting programs in their communities. 25% of our donations stay in Newaygo county to help people here.

Women's Fellowship will sponsor a fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner Friday, October 4 and the participation Members/Friends/Guests will be appreciated.

The Gerber Foundation will match donations from former Gerber employees who retired before June 30, 2002 and individuals in this group will receive a Gerber matching grant form from Jack B.

On October 6, Crop Walk registration will begin at 12:45pm in Veteran's Memorial Park and the walk begins at 1:30pm.

The course is 4 miles but for those of us who can't walk the entire route, transportation will be provided back to Veterans Park. No bicycles or tricycles permitted. It is suggested that those with walkers walk around Veterans Memorial Park.

Handouts with details are available at the window of the FCC Kitchen as well as a basket for donations. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you! The Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B.