

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmaltz**

**\*Postlude:**

**Rachel Poches**



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*



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# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

**Celebrating 150 years ~ August 1875 - August 2025**



**April 13, 2025**

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

**Prelude:** Rachel Poches

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

**All: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!**

Pastor: Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm tress and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

**All: In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - Blue Hymnal #297**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. 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 Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**All: In Christ, God answers us and set us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! 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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

**Scripture**

**Brian Webb**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

*"The Grand Entrance"*

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

**Special Music - "Were You There?" - Jean Howarth**

**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**

**Special Music - "Via Dolarosa" Jean Howarth**

**\*Sending Hymn - "All Glory, Laud and Honor" - Blue Hymnal #300**

**\*Benediction**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

**Altar Rep:** Barbara Blass-Frisbey

**Greeting us today:** Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

**Song Leader:** Pat Krehn

**Liturgist:** Brian Webb

**Tech Booth** - Thank you volunteers! Garrett, Robin, Lou, Kendra, Jeff

**Prayer Requests ~**

Sally DeShetler - slowly doing better but will be at the following location for a while yet - Apostolic Christian Village

Room 312, 10680 Steiner Road, Rittman, OH 44270 - she

loves receiving cards from her friends!

The family of Siria Pinnick

**This Weeks Calendar**

**Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Monday, April 14**

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. Technology Board - Library

**Tuesday, April 15 - Church Office Closed**

10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

**Wednesday, April 16**

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

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

**Thursday, April 17 - Church Office Closed**

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

**Friday, April 18**

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

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

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - sanctuary

**Saturday, April 19**

8:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Our Church News**

**Hosanna to the Son of David!** So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship.

**Thank you to** Jean Howarth for sharing her gift of music with us on this Palm Sunday.

**Men's Lenten Community Breakfast** Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - April 19. They will be held at the Church of the Living Christ at 8:00 a.m. All Men are encouraged to attend.

**Join with us on Friday, April 18** for our Good Friday service beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Rooms of Refuge** - will be using Fellowship Hall April 14-21. Thank you to those who volunteered to bring a meal.

**Community Closet says Thank You!** for the \$528 donated in January - March; Prevention of Child Abuse (PCA) will be the recipient of Noisy Offerings, the last Sunday of each month, April-June. PCA's Mission is to strengthen families and prevent child abuse, neglect; Vision is communities free of child abuse where children/families thrive. Our financial help will be appreciated. For Charitable Giving/jb

**Siria Fedora Marie Mary Delores Pieri Pinnick** passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 23. Her daughter Cristine said they are planning a service for May 24 with burial in the Memorial Garden. Please keep the Pinnick family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Women's Fellowship Spring Fling** - Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. A Taco Bar Lunch will be served and our speaker will be Crystal Schmalz. We welcome friends to join as well. Please sign up on the sheet by the church office, on the coffee counter, or call or email Lorene at [congo@fremontfcc.org](mailto:congo@fremontfcc.org) by Sunday, April 27 so we know how many to plan for.

