

here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

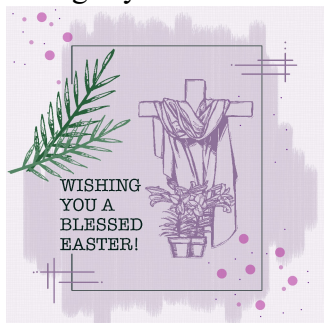
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn** - "Worship Christ, the Risen King" - **Blue Hymnal #361**
vs 1,2,5

***Benediction** **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: Amen.



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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.

Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



April 20, 2025

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

Prelude:

Lorene Witte

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His
steadfast love endures forever."

**All: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become
my salvation.**

Pastor: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of
the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does
valiantly."

**All: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of
the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he
did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of
righteousness, that I may enter through them and give
thanks to the Lord.**

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter
through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have
become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the
chief cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Christ Arose!" - Blue Hymnal #357

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - Blue Hymnal #367

Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grace, you
shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that
we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways
that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the
hungry and pass by those who mourn, we are deaf to the
cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, god of mercy. Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new, that we may know
the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen
Lord.**

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! "Death has been swallowed up in
victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O
death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the
power of sin in the law. But thanks be to God, who gives
us the victory through our Lord Jesus 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 the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Jim Rynberg

Acts 10:34-43, I Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"The Last Enemy to Be Destroyed is Death"

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

Walk Up Choir - He Lives #368 & Jesus Calls Us #593

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

Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Tony & Carrie DeMull

Song Leaders: Pat Krehn, Stacey Church, Gary & Beth Hooker

Liturgist: Jim Rynberg

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Yvonne Lee (11), Arnold Dougan(19), Bill Black, Linda Oosterhouse (21), Beth Hooker (24)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Arnie & Betty Dougan (19), Duane & Loretta VanDuzen(24)

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 (service will be Saturday, May 24)

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, April 21

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

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

Tuesday, April 22 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 23

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

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

Thursday, April 24 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 25

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

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

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 27

10:00 a.m. Worship (Noisy Offering)

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

Our Church News

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours.

Thank you, friends, for all of your cards and get well wishes. My physical therapists are working me hard and I am showing signs of improvement and healing. Hopefully, I will be able to put full weight on my leg by next week and start walking on my own. Please keep the prayers coming. Happy Easter to all. Sally

Prevention of Child Abuse (PCA) will be the recipient of **Noisy Offerings**, the last Sunday of each month, April-June (next Sunday!). 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

Women's Fellowship Spring Fling - Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. A Taco Salad Lunch (*note the menu change - a Taco Salad NOT a Taco Bar*) 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 by Sunday, April 27 so we know how many to plan for.

The River County Community Choir will present their Spring Concert next Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. Participating is David White. All are invited! Free will offering.

Mark your calendar: Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. Spring clean-up (inside & outside)

*Thank you to each one who donated
Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary
a lovely place in which to celebrate our
Lord's resurrection.*



Jack & Mary Butterick in memory of our parents.

Robin & Pat Dekleva in memory of Howard & Mary Pekel and John & JoAnn Dekleva.

Dave & Linda White in memory of Tom & Susan Rockwell.

Barbara Blass-Frisbey in honor of my children.

Stacey & Brad Church, Holly & Lyle Shepherd and Kelly & Kyle Parks in honor of Arnie & Betty Dougan.

Arnie & Betty Dougan in honor of family & friends.

Pat Krehn in honor of my family & church family.

Dean & Jean Morehouse in honor of our church family.



Thank you for coming to First Congregational Church of Fremont to celebrate Easter. Easter is the most important day of the year for Christians. Jesus' death and resurrection are the core of the Christian Faith. This story is the center of everything. But it is so much more than just a story! It is true. And so we can rejoice.

The fact that 2,000 years ago a Man was born who preached the good news of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven, healed the sick, and fed the poor, and then was murdered and raised from the dead is why FCC is here today. We believe that man, Jesus Christ, is God who came to the world because he loved the whole world, took our sins, and paid the price. We believe that in His resurrection Jesus defeated death and won eternal life for all who follow Him. And when he returns to establish his kingdom death and evil will be destroyed. He will set the whole world right. And because we believe we celebrate.

Thank you for joining us for our 150th year of celebrating Easter. I hope you find joy, hope, love, and community. But most of all I hope you find faith in Jesus Christ. Because He is the source of all hope and only through faith in Him that we have hope and joy. FCC has been in Fremont for 150 years. We are a Church that welcomes all who wish to serve Jesus no matter who they are.

If you want to know more about the Bible, faith in Jesus, or how to become a member of FCC please reach out to me at pastorluke@fremontfcc.org.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Rev. Luke Schmalz