

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Hymn - "For the Beauty of the Earth" - **Blue Hymnal #182**

Please remain seated - the Noisy Offering will be taken during the singing of this hymn.

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you, his children, that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Rachel Poches



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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.

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Creation Care Sunday

April 27, 2025

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

Prelude:
Announcements

Rachel Poches

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

All: **Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Pastor: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - “This is My Father’s World” - **Blue Hymnal #143**

Prayer of Confession

All: **Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him; and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of the world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In our mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 of the gospel about all of creation: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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

Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, Luke 8:22-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message:

“He Commands Even the Wind”

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

***Hymn** - “How Great Thou Art” - **Blue Hymnal #147** vs 1 & 2

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: Tony & Carrie DeMull

Next Sunday: John & Gail Cooper

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Liturgist: Mat Emerick

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Mary Butterick (27), Kendra Pfeiffer, Karen Zick (2), Gail Cooper (3)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pat & Robin Dekleva (30), John & Gail Cooper (3)

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)
Carol Black

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, April 27 - Creation Care Sunday

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

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

Monday, April 28

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. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, April 29 - Church Office Closed

11:00 a.m. Small Group at Pat Krehn's home

Wednesday, April 30

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

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

Thursday, May 1 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 2

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

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

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

Our Church News

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

Today is Noisy Offering ... your contributions the last Sundays in April, May and June will be appreciated by Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (PCA). PCA's White Cloud staff, in conjunction with local police, mental health, legal experts and child advocates served the needs of over 3,000 children in Newaygo County last year. Thank YOU for lending a hand. For Charitable Giving/jb

Our first Small Group meeting will be held this Tuesday, April 29 at 11am. It will be at Pat Krehn's home at 1306 Country View Lane located in Country View Estates. Why do Small Groups? In a word to help us *grow*. First and foremost to *grow* as Christians. Second, to *grow* as a church by caring for one another and gaining a greater insight into the Bible. Third, is to *grow* numerically. Small Groups have been an effective method for numerical *growth* in many churches and can be for First Congregational Church. Hope to see you there! Pat

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 TODAY, Sunday, April 27 so we know how many to plan for.

Mark your calendar: Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. Spring clean-up. Inside cleaning - please bring window washing supplies, dust clothes, etc. We will be doing windows, doors, window sills and purging the nursery. Outside - bring pruners, garden gloves, rakes, trowels, and anything else to tidy up the landscape.

The Lion's Club will be using our parking lot to park their KidsightUSA trailer (a trailer for free eye exams) in our parking lot for the summer.

Requested Announcements

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