

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmaltz

***Postlude:**

Rachel Poches

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

Celebrating 150 years ~ August 1875 - August 2025



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.



April 6, 2025

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

Prelude:

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 126)

Pastor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

All: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Pastor: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - **Blue Hymnal #575**

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify 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! Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for

your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

Cathy Kellerman

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"Filled with Fragrance"

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

***Hymn** - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Blue Hymnal #630

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**

***Communion Preparation** - "Come to the Table" **Blue Hymnal #464**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Hymn** - "The Family of God" - **Blue Hymnal #419**

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: For you, Jesus Christ came into the world: For you he lived and showed God's love; For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished'; For you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; For you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you though you do now know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first."

Altar Rep: Barbara Blass-Frisbey

Greeting us today: Jack & Mary Butterick

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

Song Leader: Gary and Beth Hooker

Liturgist: Cathy Kellerman

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

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 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Monday, April 7

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
7:00 p.m. Library in Use

Tuesday, April 8 - Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Library in use

Wednesday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

Thursday, April 10 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Lent comes from a word that means spring, and spring is "springing" this April morning. May our faith spring up in new life as well, through this time of worship. Welcome to Worship!

Our first quarter of the year for Noisy Sunday was a rousing success! We collected \$528 for Community Closet for which they will be very grateful. God loves a joyful giver!

Have you signed up?....Launching Soon Small Groups - A sign up sheet is located by the church office. Sign up for the time period that fits you best. (Morning, Afternoon, Evening or Anytime).

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

Rooms of Refuge - April 14-21 - a sign up sheet is located by the church office and on the coffee counter in Fellowship Hall if you would be interested in providing a meal, spending the night, or providing breakfast to go items (muffins, granola bar, cereal, milk etc.) We are partnering with another church in providing for the residents so dates will be determined at a later time.

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

