

Loving Our Community Since 1875  
First Congregational Church of Fremont



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

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at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.



May 11, 2025

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

**Prelude:** **David VandenBelt**  
**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 23)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

Pastor: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** - “For the Beauty of the Earth” - **Blue Hymnal #793**  
vs 1,3,4

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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! Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

**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.

**No Sunday School today**

**Scripture**

**RuthCowles**

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

**Crystal Schmalz**

*“The Healing Power of God”*

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

**\*Hymn** - “Faith of Our Mothers” - (tune: Father of Our Fathers)  
words on screen or see insert

**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**

**\*Sending Hymn** - “Now Thank We All Our God” - **Blue Hymnal #788**

**\*Benediction**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

Pastor: May God shelter you with His wings; may you find safety under his wings. His faithfulness is like a shield and you need not fear the terrors of the night. (Adapted from Psalm 91:4-5)

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude**

**David VandenBelt**

**Altar Rep:** Barb Clark

**Greeting us today:** John Page

Next Sunday: Ted & Jeannie Caris

**Song Leader:** Pat Krehn

**Liturgist:** Ruth Cowles

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Craig Zeerip (13), Tony DeMull (17)

**Prayer Requests ~**

Sally DeShetler - Mom walked 42 steps twice last week with only the aid of a walker! So exciting - she is so anxious to return to her normal life. - Apostolic Christian Village

Room 312, 10680 Steiner Road, Rittman, OH 44270

The family of Siria Pinnick

(service will be Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m.)

Carol Black

### ***This Weeks Calendar***

#### **Sunday, May 11**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

#### **Monday, May 12**

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. Tech Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, May 13** - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Small Group - Pat Krehn's home

#### **Wednesday, May 14**

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

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

#### **Thursday, May 15** - *Church Office Closed*

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

#### **Friday, May 16**

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

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

#### **Saturday, May 17**

#### **Sunday, May 18**

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

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

### ***Our Church News***

**Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day!** Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

**The flowers on the altar are given** by Barb Clark in honor of all Mothers.

**NOTE:** There will be NO Sunday School today.

**On Sunday, May 18** Leslie Anderson will be with us to provide special music. And our **"Walk Up Choir"** will also be singing.

**Noisy Offering** - please come prepared for Noisy Offering next week, May 18 (our service the last Sunday in May will be in City Park). Next month, June 29 will be Noisy offering. Our Noisy Offering in April-June will be presented to Prevention of Child abuse in White Cloud. Thank you again for your generosity. For Charitable Giving/jb

**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.

**ATTENTION LADIES** Don't you think it's about time we had a Women's Bible Study again? Well, I'm planning to start one in June. We'll be meeting once a week in the church library. I need your help to decide what day and time we meet. Now that I'm retired I can do daytime.....late morning, afternoon, early evening all work for me. If you'd like to be a part of this group please let me know what day(s) and time(s) work best for you. I can't wait to get started again. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Beth Hooker

**Sunday, May 25 we will** be joining fellow worshipers as we meet together for Worship in the Park at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Golf carts will be available to drive you if needed.

