

Communion Music - "Break Thou the Bread of Life" -

Flute solo - Lori Micko-Rodriguez

Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

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

Blue Hymnal #630

***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. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Lori Micko-Rodriguez



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.

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First Congregational Church of Fremont



May 4, 2025

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

Prelude: **Lori Micko Rodriguez**
Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 30)

Pastor: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

All: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Pastor: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

All: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - **Blue Hymnal #640**

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! "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 is 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

Mat Emerick

Acts 9:1-20, John 21:1-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"Who Are You?"

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

***Hymn** - "Rock of Ages" - **Blue Hymnal #342**

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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**

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: John & Gail Cooper

Next Sunday: John Page

Song Leader: Lori Micko-Rodriguez/Stacey Church

Liturgist: Mat Emerick

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

Happy Birthday to ~ Jeannie Caris (4)

Prayer Requests ~

Sally DeShetler - Mom walked 42 steps twice today 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 4

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library

Wednesday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 8 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

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

Our Church News

Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love". One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

The flowers on the altar are given by Barb Clark. Today is "Greenery Day" - a celebratory day to appreciate nature and to be grateful for its blessings.

Thank you to Lori Micko-Rodriguez, Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, and Jack Brooks for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning. On Sunday, May 18 Leslie Anderson will be with us.

Men's Fellowship Luncheon will meet this Wednesday, May 7 at 12:00 noon. Invite a friend and join us for lunch.

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. (In case of rain we will work on Tuesday, May 13)

Noisy Offering - your contribution was \$167 last Sunday! Outstanding! Thank you very much. The next Noisy Offerings will be May 18 (note date change due to Community Worship in the Park) and June 29. Thereafter I will present our total Noisy Offering in April-June 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.

