

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**

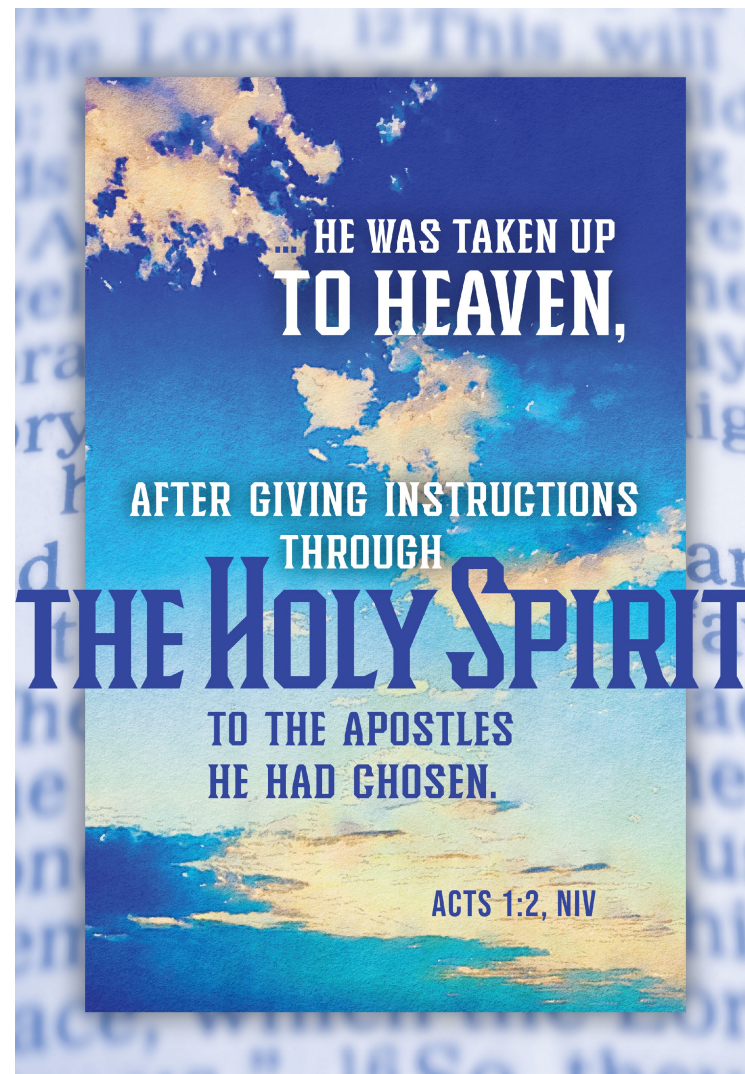
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Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



June 8, 2025
Ascension of the Lord

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

Prelude:
Announcements

Lorene Witte

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 47)

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

All: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

All: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

All: Praise God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome" - Blue Hymnal #387

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! To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

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 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"Why Do You Stand Looking?"

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

***Hymn - "Spirit of the Living God" - Blue Hymnal #389**

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**

*** Hymn of Preparation - "Come to the Table" - Blue Hymnal #462**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Hymn - "Spirit Song" - Blue Hymnal #384**

***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

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Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: Ruth & Miles Cowles

Next Sunday: Dan & Kathy Price

Song Leader: Gary & Beth Hooker

Liturgist: Mat Emerick

Next Sunday: Brian Webb

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

Happy Birthday to ~ Lauren McKivitz(3)

Happy Anniversary to ~ Miles & Ruth Cowles (3)

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Betty Dougan - health concerns

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, June 1 - Ascension of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Monday, June 2

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 - Carrie DeMull's home

Tuesday, June 3- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 4

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

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

Thursday, June 5- Church Office Closed

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

Friday, June 6

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

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

Saturday, June 7

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus' presence, sing God's praises and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor. Welcome!

Noisy Offering - thank you for your contribution of \$167 in April and \$140 in May. We'll do Noisy Offering on June 29 and then give offerings for the April/May/June quarter to Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in White Cloud. Thank YOU! For Charitable Giving/jb

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

Rooms of Refuge will be using Fellowship Hall June 16-20. No volunteers are needed for this time.

