

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Tammy Krol



Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



From the 150th Anniversary Committee:

A gift for you....pick up a decal for your car, laptop, etc.

Historical Serviceworship as they might have 150 years ago.

A sign up sheet is located by the church office..... volunteers are needed for the Neighborhood Block Party and the Spaghetti Dinner for Civic Leaders



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

Keyboard/Organist Rachel Poches, David VandenBelt, Lorene Witte

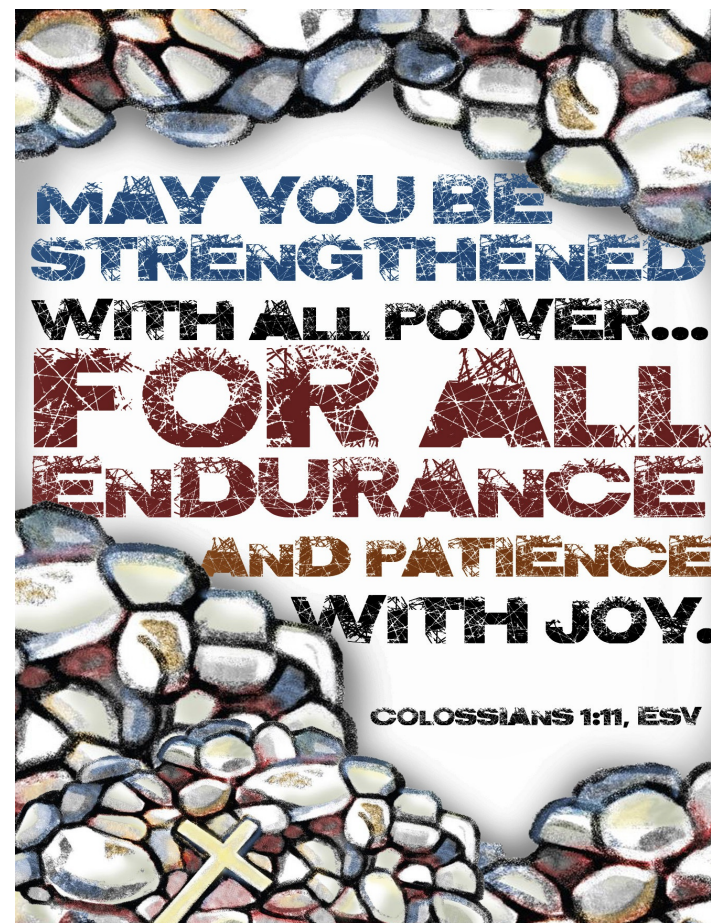
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



July 13, 2025

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

Prelude:
Announcements

Tammy Krol

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 82)

Pastor: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

All: Selah

Pastor: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

All: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Pastor: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

All: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "There is Power in the Blood" - **Blue Hymnal #329**

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of 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 (Amos 7:2b-3)

Pastor: O Lord God, forgive, I beg you! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!" The Lord relented concerning this; "It shall not be," said the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

***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

Brian Webb

Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"Colossians Part 1: Paul's Prayer"

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

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 - "Jesus Paid it All" - **Blue Hymnal #305**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Sending Hymn** - "Family of God" (2 times)- **Blue Hymnal #419**

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today:

Next Sunday:

Song Leader: Gary & Beth Hooker

Liturgist: Brian Webb

Next Sunday: Mat Emerick

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Ruth Cowles (16)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Betty Dougan - health concerns

David VandenBelt - medical concerns with lime disease

The family of Jon Clapp

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, July 13

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Narthex

Monday, July 14

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. Technology Board - library

6:30 p.m. Funeral Service for Jon Clapp - sanctuary

Tuesday, July 15 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Wednesday, July 16

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. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

Thursday, July 17 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

5:30 p.m. Civic Leader Spaghetti Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 20

10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Church News

Welcome! Scripture urges us: "Turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 30:10). Let us indeed turn to God, in love and worship, petition and trust.

This morning we welcome Tammy Krol who is our pianist this morning. Thank you Tammy for sharing your gift of music with us.

Jon Clapp passed away Tuesday, July 8. His funeral service will be held in the sanctuary tomorrow, Monday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will be before the service in Fellowship Hall from 5-6:30 p.m.

Noisy Offering - Thank YOU! for your generous contributions in April/May/June. In addition, one of the outside singers on a Sunday signed-over the fee she normally receives to the charity receiving this quarter's Noisy Offering donations. Charitable Giving members Barb V and Jack B delivered \$583 to Newaygo County's Prevention of Child Abuse/Neglect on July 1st. Director Tara Nelson accepted our donation, friendship and prayers for the work they are doing i.e. currently handling seventy cases with sincere appreciation. Well done, good and faithful servants at FCC and PCA. For Charitable Giving/jb

We Are HERE, July 20-August 17 - this word means **Helping Every Real** Expression of need, as expressed in Matthew 25 31-40. HERE is part of Prevention of Child Abuse/Neglect and serves needy children in Newaygo County's six school districts. Many of these children have no access to basic personal care products; girls without feminine hygiene supplies often stay home from school. Funding is provided by eight churches (incl. FCC) and two businesses. During the period July 20 - August 17, please donate toothbrushes and travel size containers of toothpaste (ask your dentist if she/he has products to donate), deodorant, shampoo, body lotion, bath soap, underwear, feminine hygiene products, shaving soap/disposable razors. If you prefer to make a check donation, please write your check to First Congregational, with HERE in the memo line and put it in the offering plate. Your participation in this project will be greatly appreciated by the children receiving your donations, and the teachers who see the need first hand. For Charitable Giving/Jack

Wellspring Adult Day Service would like to say thank you to your congregation for all the support you have given our program in so many ways. Our guests enjoyed painting and decorating the derby cars which were built for them by members of your congregation. We had volunteers who came and set up the cadet racetrack for us on race day! We had family and friends join us for the very fun and competitive race.

TO: Church Members and Friends
SUBJECT: 150th Anniversary

In 2023, we formed a small committee to focus on celebrating a major milestone in our church's history: its 150th Anniversary. You will see a number of things over the next few months including historical articles, advertising, memorabilia and special events.

Without ruining all of the surprises, we do need your support and participation and encourage you to engage in the following:

- 1) Share your memories with each other and the anniversary committee.
- 2) Consider this is not only a "Yea! Us" celebration, but also a chance to discuss why we have been here for 150 years and how we hope to be here another 150 years with Jesus as the answer.
- 3) Remember we are "Deeply Rooted – Future Focused" and take this opportunity to discover our roots and explore how we can strengthen our foundation to last well into the future.

In addition, we need your help in hosting two of the planned events:

- 1) We are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for the local civic leaders and their families with our church leadership on **Saturday evening, July 19th**. In addition to having some of our church leaders in attendance, we are requesting your help with food preparation, serving, clean-up, etc. This event will be in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2) We will have a "Neighborhood Block Party" for the community after church service on **Sunday, August 10**. Again, we could use your help with food prep, serving and clean-up. We plan to have some young strong help to manage handling the tables and chairs for this outside picnic.

We will provide a sign-up sheet outside of Lorene's office if you would be willing to volunteer for either or both events.

We also want you to understand that funding for this historical celebration is provided by a church member and none of the expenses will be coming out of our general funds.

We are very excited about the entire anniversary celebration season and hope all of you will be able to participate and enjoy it. Thank-you.

Your 150th Anniversary Committee – Lou Deleguardia, Judy Nadeau, Jim Rynberg and Pastor Luke.