

***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

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Lorene Witte



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.

Neighborhood Block Party...August 10 following worship

Did you notice the beautiful sign on the lawn telling of our 150th Anniversary?



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused



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Office Hours - Call the church office

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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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 20, 2025

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

Prelude:
Announcements

Lorene Witte

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 52)

Pastor: Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, "See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!"

All: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "The Wonder of It All" - **Blue Hymnal #738**

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 (Colossians 1:21-22))

Pastor: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

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

Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"Colossians Part 2: Jesus is Lord"

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

Special Music - "Teach Me, Lord" - **Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach**
Jack Brooks

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**

Special Music - "O Happy Day" - **Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach,**
Jack Brooks

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Barb Clark & Tracy Stern

Next Sunday: Susan Stewart

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Mat Emerick

Next Sunday: Cathy Kellerman

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

Happy Birthday to ~

June Britt, Jennifer Dekleva (23)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Ted & Barb Clark (26)

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 20

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, July 21

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

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

Tuesday, July 22 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 23

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 24 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Our Church News

Welcome to guests and long-time friends, as we worship in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ladies - Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Library we have a time to study God's word together. This study is led by Beth Hooker and all are welcome.

Small Group meets twice a month at Pat Krehn's home. If you'd like to come to a meeting call Pat Krehn or the church office for more information.

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.

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendar:

Neighborhood Block Party - following worship Sunday, August 10

The **Deb Emerick Summer Celebration of Music** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center.

Rooms of Refuge - August 18 - 25