

***Sending Hymn - “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus ” - Blue Hymnal #581
vs 1 & 4**

***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** **Tammy Krol**

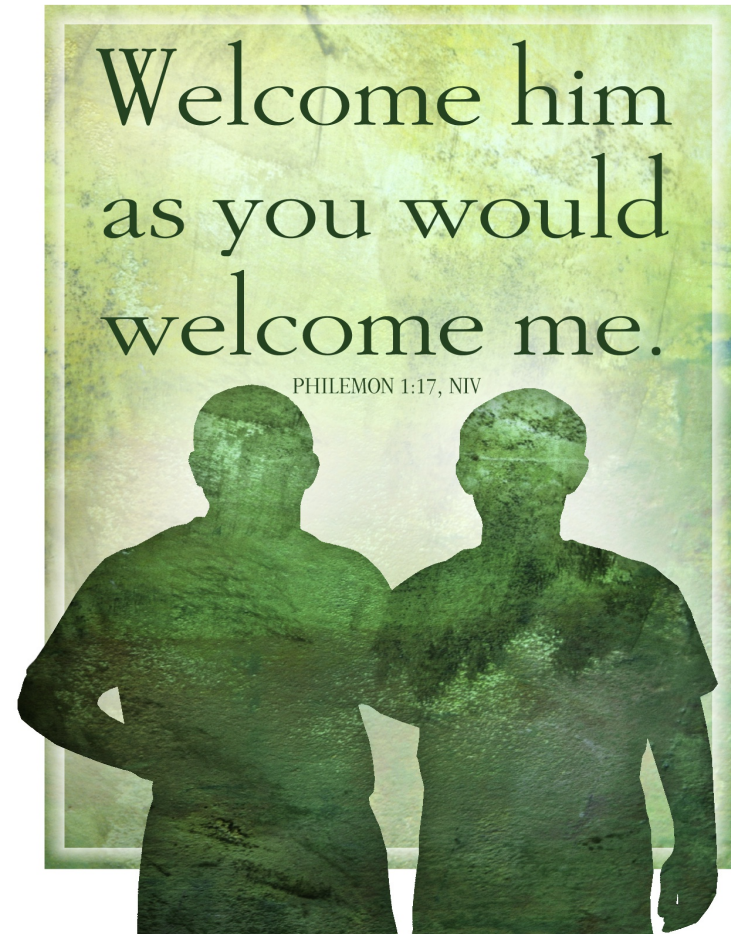


Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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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.



Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



August 17, 2025

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

Prelude
Announcements

Tammy Krol

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 71)

Pastor: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.

All: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

Pastor: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.

All: All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced. Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #295
vs 1 & 3

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

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***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

Philemon 1:1-25, Luke 12:49-56

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Bro. Philemon, Bro. Onesimus

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

Special Music - 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**

Hymn of Preparation - "Jesus Paid It All" - Blue Hymnal #305 (vs 1)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Ted Caris

Song Leader: Stacey Church

Scripture Reader: Brian Webb

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Dean & Jean Morehouse(21), Jack & Fran Stewart(22)

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Betty Dougan - recovering

Karen Zick - medical concerns - at the Regency

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, August 17

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

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

Monday, August 18 - *Rooms of Refuge - August 18-25*

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

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

Tuesday, August 19 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 20

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, August 21 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

No Noisy offering this month - the current schedule is:

H.E.R.E. - July 20 - Aug 17

Hand 2 Hand - Sept 28 - Oct 26

Noisy Offering - last Sunday in Nov & Dec

Our Church News

Welcome! We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen.

Thank you Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach and Jack Brooks for sharing their gift of music with us this morning. And thank you also, to Tammy Krol for playing the keyboard for us this morning and next week.

Communion - On the recommendation of the Board of Deacons, the Executive Council has decided to increase the frequency of communion. Starting in September, we will have communion twice a month (the first and third Sundays). In the future, we will explore increasing the frequency from there (i.e. during Advent and Lent or just weekly in general). As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, we are also asking what are the new things God is asking us to do. This is one area where we embrace our "deep roots" as communion has been a central aspect of Christian worship throughout history. We are excited to see what God will do as we start this new chapter.

Pastor Luke will be on vacation August 18-24. John Davis will be preaching for us next Sunday.

Rooms of Refuge will be using Fellowship Hall August 18-25.

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

HERE (Helping Every Real Expression of need) - Thank YOU! for your donations of \$325 and products (toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc.) in the last month for Newaygo County children who have these items in short supply and in some cases, not at all. 2 Corinthians 9:7 ... for God loves a cheerful giver. Again, FCC's Charitable Giving and HERE thank your for your participation is this act of 'loving our neighbors'. For CG/jb

Birthday Card Shower- Sally DeShetler will be turning 103 in late October and we would like to "shower" her with birthday greetings. A box is located on the table by the church office. Drop off a note to Sally and we will see that they are delivered to her.

Sunday, August 31 will be a Joint Community Worship in the Park at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Luke will be giving the message.

The annual Women's Luncheon will be held on September 4 at 12:00 noon at the home of Carrie DeMull on Martin Lake. All women are invited!!

All Church/Town Hall Meeting - Sunday, September 7 after worship.