

***Hymn - “The Solid Rock” - Blue Hymnal #526**

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**

***Sending Hymn - “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place” - Blue Hymnal #219**

***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.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Rachel Poches



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

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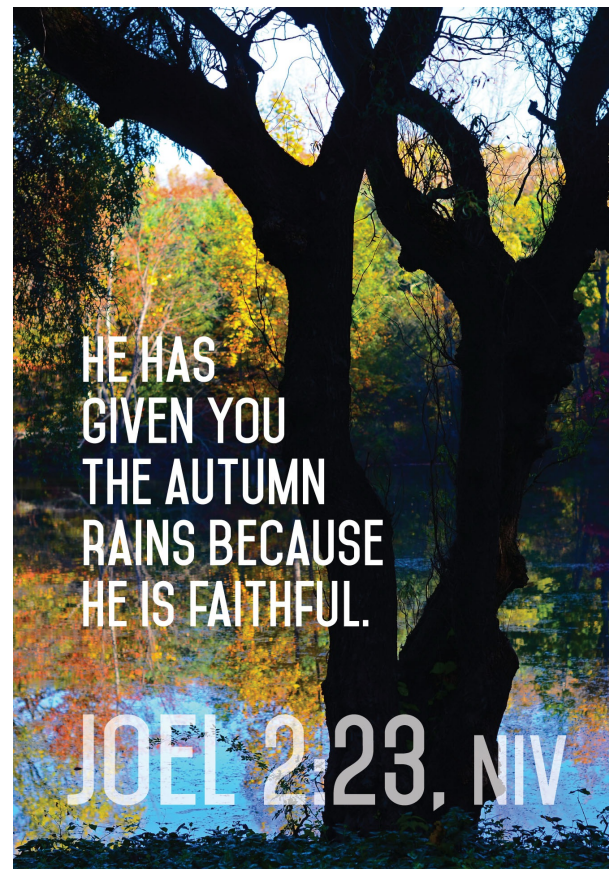
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today’s service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



October 26, 2025

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

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 65)

Pastor: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

All: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

Pastor: who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

All: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

Pastor: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Living for Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #605

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.

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 (Luke 18:13-14)

Pastor: Hear the good news! To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

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

Ruth Cowles

Joel 2:23-32, 2 Timothy 4:6-9, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Abundant Rain

***The Apostle's Creed** (see screen)

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Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Dave White

Next Sunday: Brad Church

Song Leaders: Beth & Gary Hooker

Scripture Reader: Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Mat Emerick

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Sally DeShetler (29)

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black passed away peacefully last Sunday morning. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Nov 22 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Please keep Bill and family in your prayers.

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 26

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. New Members Class - Library
- 5:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 5 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 27

- 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. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, October 28 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, October 29

- 9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered
- 4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Thursday, October 30 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2 - All Saint's Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. New Members Class - Library
- 5:00 p.m. The Chosen Season 5 - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

The church is always being called to reform, to become more loving, to resemble more closely the kingdom of God. Welcome to worship this (Reformation) Sunday!

Hand To Hand (H2H) - thank you for your contributions of 60# of kid-favorite applesauce, spaghetti, granola bars, mac & cheese, noodles, soup, popcorn and a bit of candy, too. Your generosity will be appreciated by children in Fremont who have little to eat on weekends. Well done good and faithful servants. Charitable Giving/jb

The Chosen Season 5 will be shown in Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 19 thru November 19 at 5:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided bring your own beverage and a snack to share if desired.

Rooms of Refuge participants will be using Fellowship Hall October 27 - November 3.

Sunday, November 2 is All Saint's Sunday - we will remember those who have passed in 2025 - Siria Pinnick, Jon Clapp, Karen Zick, Ann Werner and Carol Black. If you would like to remember some who has passed in previous years please bring a framed picture and place it on the altar.

Mark your Calendar - 150th Historical Presentation - Unveiling of the plaque, time capsule and lunch - Sunday, November 9 following worship.

Everyone who calls on the name of the

LORD

shall be

Saved.