

***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**

Lorene Witte



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.



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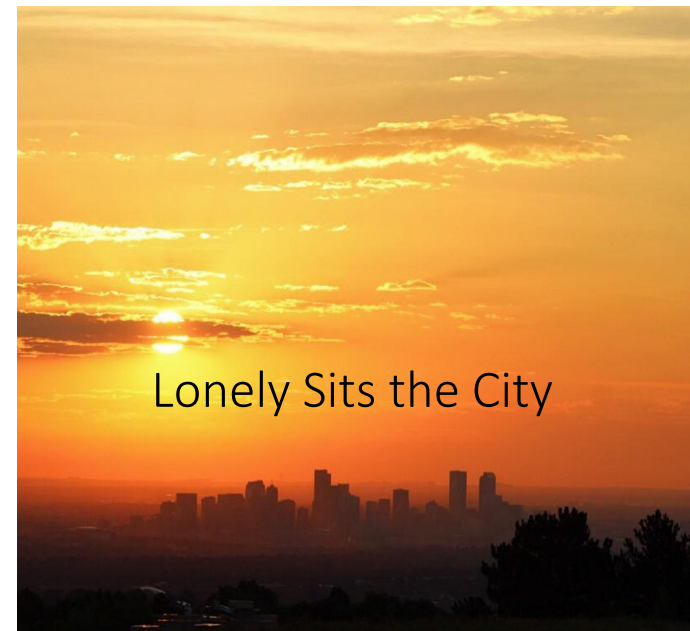
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



Loving Our Community Since 1875
First Congregational Church of Fremont



October 1, 2025

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Chimes

Announcements

Call to the Annual Meeting - Carrie DeMull, Clerk

Welcome

Call to Worship (Lamentations 3:19-26)

Pastor: I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

All: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

All: it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Blue Hymnal #139

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 (2 Timothy 1:9-10)

Pastor: Hear the good news! God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

Cathy Kellerman

Lamentations 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Lonely Sits the City

***The Nicene Creed** (see screen)

***Hymn - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - Blue Hymnal #539** (vs 1 & 2)

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 - "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #730**

Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: John & Gail Cooper

Song Leaders: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Cathy Kellerman

Next Sunday: Jim Rynberg

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Stacey Church - recovering from knee surgery

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. New Members Class - Library
- 12:45 p.m. CROP Walk - Veteran's Memorial Park

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7 - *Church Office Closed*

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library (note date)

Wednesday, October 8

- 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. Bible Study with Beth Hooker - library

Thursday, October 9 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. New Members Class - Library

Our Church News

Lord, we love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells" (Psalm 26:8, NIV). Open our hearts to receive your word for us this day. Bless our worship hour together!

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study is now meeting at 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. - come in the light ~ go home in the light! All are welcome!!

CROP Walk -

a) thank you to Women's Fellowship for hosting the fundraiser (Spaghetti dinner) on Sept 26;

b) Crop Walk is today at 12:45pm in Veteran's Memorial Park. Please write checks to CWS/CROP, put them in the offering plate or give them to Jack at the Park. I'll give you a final accounting on Oct 12. Thank you! Charitable Giving/jb

The Chosen Season 5 will be shown in Fellowship Hall beginning 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 - October 27 - November 3 - if you are willing to bring a dinner for the guests please sign up on the sheet at the church office.

ANNUAL MEETING **- Sunday, October 19-** **following worship**

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX
Please bring your copy along to the Annual Meeting

All members of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, Michigan are called to come together following worship on Sunday, October 19, 2025 for our annual congregational meeting. We will review the reports of officers, boards and committees concerning the work they did for God in 2025, elect officers, board and committee members for terms commencing in the year 2025 and adopt a budget to provide for the work we will do in Christ's name A.D. 2026. We will also deal with any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Carrie DeMull, Clerk