

The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



Our deepest desire is to see the people of Fremont and the surrounding communities accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. May we play a role in bringing this transformation to pass. Ignite the fires of revival within our church. May we shine as a beacon of hope, drawing people to you.

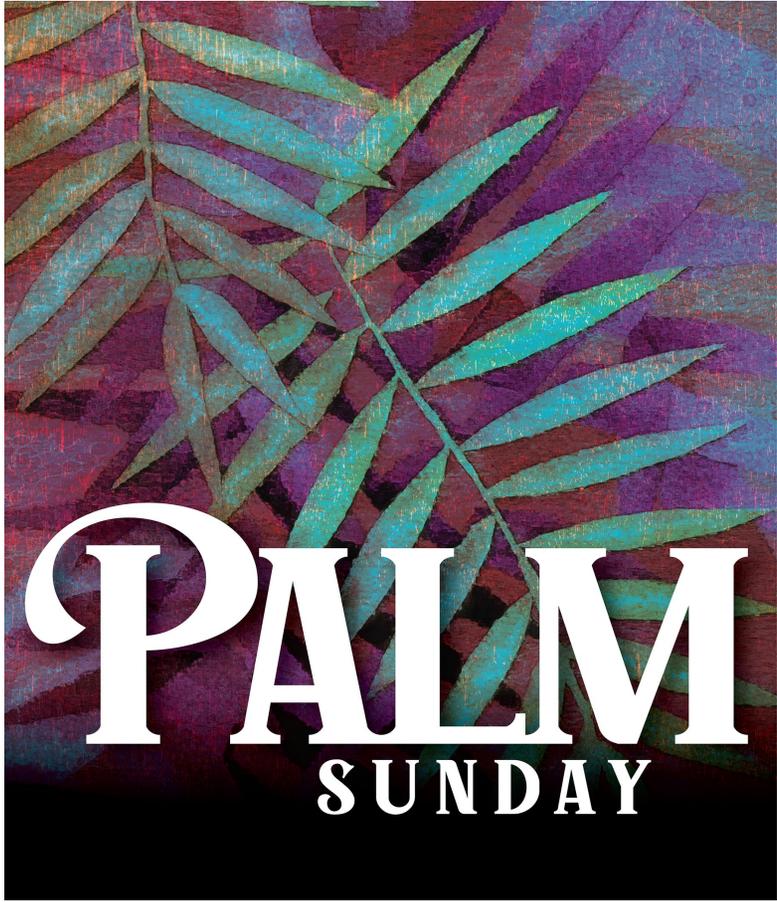
**In the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, we pray.
Amen.**

***Sending Pastor Luke Schmalz**
***Postlude David VandenBelt**



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.



March 29, 2026

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

Prelude

David VandenBelt

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo your king comes to you;

All: triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn-“We Will Glorify” - Blue Hymnal #301

Prayer of Confession

All: O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.” Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he

has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! 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 to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “A Strange King”

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*The Apostle’s Creed (words projected)

*Hymn - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - Blue Hymnal #630

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord’s Prayer (words projected)

Hymn (remain seated for the Noisy Offering)

“I Surrender All” - Blue Hymnal # 596

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn - “Oh How He Loves You and Me” - Blue Hymnal #349

*A Prayer For Revival Dismissal Prayer (words projected - unison)

Almighty God, we come before you today with a humble heart, acknowledging your grace and love. Your Word, declares your desire for all to experience salvation. We thank and worship you for this gift.

Today, We ask you to breathe new life into our church. Grant us the grace to reach Fremont, sharing the Good News. May a renewed passion ignite within us, a fervent desire to spread the message of hope and salvation. Help us to deepen our love for you, our Heavenly Father, and love for our neighbors. May we see the people of Fremont through your eyes, recognizing their worth and longing for their salvation as you do. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, filling us with the strength, wisdom, and courage to proclaim your gospel with clarity and conviction.

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Glenn & Robin Dickmann

Next Sunday: Kelly Parks

Song Leaders: Beth & Gary Hooker

Scripture Reader: Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday:

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Barb Clark (31)

Prayer Requests ~

Jim Rynberg

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship & Noisy Offering

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

Monday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Life Line Screening - Fellowship Hall

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

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

Tuesday, March 31 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 1

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

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

12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library

Thursday, April 2 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

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. Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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



Our Church News

Hosanna in the highest! Lord Jesus, as we remember your triumphal entry, prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy and humility. Clear away our distractions so we may follow you in both triumph and trial. May our worship today honor you, our gracious King. Amen.

Easter Invite Cards are available on the bulletin table - take what you need to invite others to join in worshipping our Risen Lord.

Thank you, thank YOU for your donations of blankets, towels and wash cloths for Community Closet. Our blanket drive (including towels and wash cloths) concludes the end of March. We will complete our giving this quarter with a Noisy Offering TODAY with those coins also given to Community Closet.

Volunteers are needed to put candy into Easter Eggs or to bring eggs already filled for our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Talk to Crystal Schmalz if you are willing.

Men's Fellowship Luncheon is Wednesday, April 1 at 12:00 noon. Our speaker will be Pastor Luke speaking on The Edmund Fitzgerald and our chef is Jack Butterick. Come join us at noon!

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 3 - 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Men are invited to attend the weekly Lenten Breakfast Series on Saturdays, at 8:00 a.m. at the Church of the Living Christ, through April 4, suggested donation \$5.00.

If you haven't filled out a Small Group Survey - please take time to do that following worship - surveys are on the table by the church office.

Requested Announcements

Wellspring Adult Day Services is seeking a compassionate and energetic individual to join our team as a Life Enrichment Specialist. This role focuses on creating a welcoming and joyful environment for older adults, including those experiencing memory loss, through engaging activities, conversation, and daily programming. If you enjoy building relationships, encouraging participation, and bringing positive energy to others, we would love to hear from you. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. If you have interest in this position, please apply online at the Indeed website or email your resume to Allie Maat at wellspringads1@gmail.com. Application deadline is April 17, 2026.

Insight Pregnancy Services is looking for an Executive Director for more information contact infor@loveinnewwaygo.com