

**our community. Ignite the fires of revival within our church. Help us to deepen our love for you and love for our neighbors. Empower us with the Holy spirit, filling us with the strength, wisdom, and courage to proclaim your gospel with clarity and conviction. May we long for our community's salvation as you do and help us to shine as beacons of hope to our community.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude**

**Rachel Poches**

**The First Congregational Church**  
Your Independent Worship Center



*Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused*

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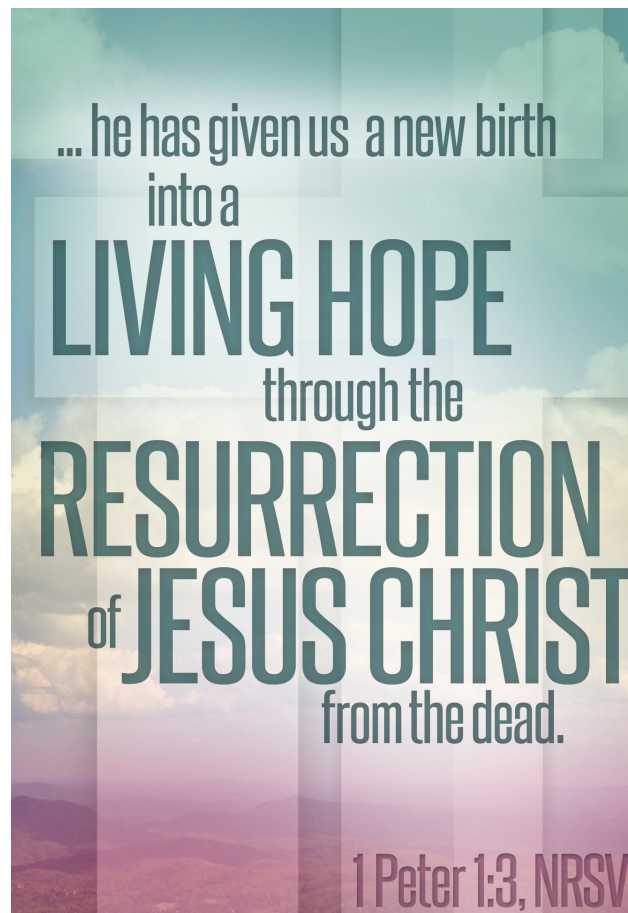
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - [www.fremontfcc.org](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.



April 12, 2026

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

## Prelude

Rachel Poches

## Announcements

## Welcome

## Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

Pastor: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

**All: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

Pastor: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Opening Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn-**"Worship Christ, the Risen King" - **Blue Hymnal #361**  
vs 1,2,5

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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 has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

**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 to the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!  
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

**Scripture:** Acts 2:14, 22-32; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "A Living Hope"

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostle's Creed** (words projected)

**\*Hymn - "Because He Lives" - Blue Hymnal #358** (vs 1&3)

## 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**

**Ministry Moment** - Rev. Rap Posnik

**\*Sending Hymn - "He Lives" - Blue Hymnal #368** (chorus only)

**\*Dismissal Prayer for Revival** (words projected - unison)

**Almighty God, we have gathered here today to worship you. As we prepare to leave we ask you to breathe new life into our church. May a renewed passion be kindled within us, a fervent desire to spread the message of hope and salvation to**

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**Altar Rep:** Susan Stewart

**Greeting us today:** Jack & Mary Butterick

**Next Sunday:** Ted Caris

**Song Leader:** Bill Black

**Scripture Reader:**

**Next Sunday:**

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

**Prayer Requests ~**

The family of Eric Webb, son of Brian Webb who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22. Funeral services were held yesterday.

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **Sunday, April 12**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

#### **Monday, April 13**

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. Technology Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, April 14** - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Small Group - Pat Krehn's home

#### **Wednesday, April 15**

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

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

1:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library

#### **Thursday, April 16** - *Church Office Closed*

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

#### **Friday, April 17**

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

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

#### **Saturday, April 18**

#### **Sunday, April 19** - Creation Care Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

### **Our Church News**

**The glow of Easter remains!** Our risen Lord has promised to be with us always. He welcomes all of us who have come to worship. Help each of us, O Lord, to experience the same joy which the friends of Jesus felt when meeting the risen Christ.

**Thank you - thank you! for your** generosity in the donations for Community Closet!!! We collected \$260.00 from the Noisy Offering and lots and lots of blankets and towels for which they were very grateful!

Charitable Giving

**The Charitable Giving has** decided for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April - June) to support Youth for Christ. Stay tuned for details as to how you can help.

**Women's Bible Study** led by Beth Hooker will be meeting at **6:30 p.m.** (note the time change) beginning April 1. All women are invited to attend.

**Small Group Meetings** for April will be April 14 and 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Pat Krehn.

**Creation Care Sunday - April 19** - After making people in his own image, God entrusted them with the rest of his creation. He wants us to manage well our bodies, our minds and our earthly home. Let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses.



**Women's Fellowship presents** Pat Krehn's sister, Nancy Claus on Monday, May 4 at 12:00 to tell us about her experience for this past Christmas 2025 of White House Decorating. A chicken salad luncheon will be served. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office by April 26 to help with food preparation numbers.

