

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**

Rachael Poches

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



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.

April 26, 2026

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Pastor: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn-"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

- Blue Hymnal #683 vs 1,2,4,5

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

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Shepherd of Your Soul"

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*The Apostle's Creed (words projected)

Special Music - Allyson Hall

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

Special Music - Allyson Hall

*Sending Hymn - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

- Blue Hymnal #688 vs 1 & 2

*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 our community. Ignite the fires of revival within our church. Help us to deepen our love for you and love for our neighbors.

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Carrie & Tony DeMull

Next Sunday: Pat & Tracy Stern

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader: Pastor Luke

Next Sunday: Carrie DeMull

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Mary Butterick (27)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Pat & Robin Dekleva (30)

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

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. Lounge Reserved

Tuesday, April 28 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Wednesday, April 29

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. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library

Thursday, April 30 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3

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

Our Church News

The warmest of welcomes to one and all. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word.

This morning we welcome Allyson Hall. Allyson will be singing for us this morning.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship as we will be serving cake in thankfulness for Rachel Poches who has been sharing her musical talents with us for quite some time. Rachel will not be here on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's anymore - but she is available when we need a substitute. Rachel's last Sunday is Mother's Day, May 10. Thank you, Rachel for sharing your gifts of music with us for the past few years. You are appreciated!

The Charitable Giving has decided for the 2nd quarter (April - June) to support Youth for Christ. Money will be collected for Summer Camp Scholarships.

The New Members Class will begin TODAY, April 26 following worship in the library for four Sunday's (excluding Mother's Day, May 10 & Memorial Day, May 24). If there is a Sunday you cannot make please let Pastor Luke know. (April 26, May 3, May 17, May 31)

The next Small Group meeting will be April 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Pat Krehn.



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. Today is the deadline to sign up - Please sign up on the sheet outside the office or in Fellowship Hall to help with food preparation numbers.

