

***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 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 you 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**

Lorene Witte

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

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Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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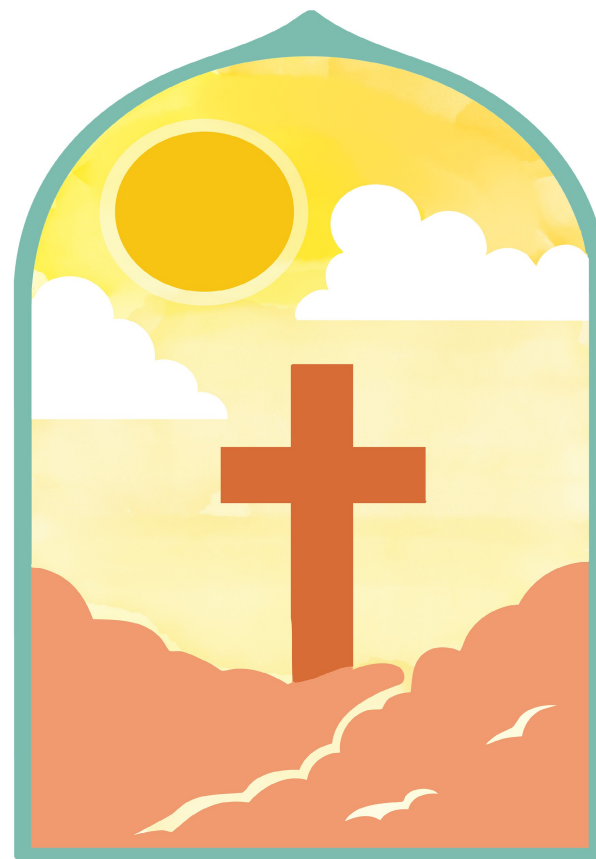
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Christ the Lord
is *Risen* Today

April 5, 2026

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Pastor: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

All: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**-“This is the Day” - **Blue Hymnal #209**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - **Blue Hymnal #367**

“Christ Arose” - **Blue Hymnal #357**

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 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Do Not Be Afraid”

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***The Apostle’s Creed** (words projected)

Special Music - Stacey Church

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**

***Song of Preparation** - “Come to the Table” - Blue Hymnal #464

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music - “Were You There” - **The Voices of Six**

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Altar Rep: Susan Stewart

Greeting us today: Kelly Parks

Next Sunday: Jack & Mary Butterick

Song Leaders: The Voices of Six

Scripture Reader: Carrie DeMull **Next Sunday:**

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Carrie DeMull (7), David Zeerip (8), Yvonne Lee (11)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Gary & Beth Hooker (6)

Prayer Requests ~

The family of Eric Webb, son of Brian Webb who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22.

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

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

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 6

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

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

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

Tuesday, April 7 - Church Office Closed

1:00 p.m. Book Circle - Fremont Pubic Library

2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Young Life - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 8

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 9 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, April 10

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

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

Saturday, April 11

1:00 p.m. Visitation for Eric Webb, son of Brian Webb

2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Eric Webb

Sunday, April 12

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

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

Our Church News

CHRIST IS RISEN — HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our risen Savior. Welcome to this Resurrection Sunday worship celebration!

If you ordered an Easter Lily(s) please pick it up following the service today.

Due to the weather forecast (on Friday) - of cold and wind - the Easter Egg Hunt will be in Fellowship Hall following today's service.

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

Book Circle meets Tuesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fremont Public Library. For more information contact Bev Williams 924-2525.

The Charitable Giving has decided for the 2nd 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.

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.





*Thank you to each one who donated
Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary
a lovely place in which to celebrate our
Lord's resurrection.*

Bill Black in memory of Carol.

Jack & Mary Butterick in memory of their parents.

John & Gail Cooper in memory of family and loved ones.

Brad & Stacey Church in memory of Jerry & JoAnn Church.

Carrie & Tony DeMull in memory of our fathers.

The Dougan Family in memory of Duane VanDuzen.

Pat Krehn in memory of my parents, Roger & Noreen Westerweel.

Dean & Jean Morehouse in memory of Ann Werner & Karen Zick.

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Luke & Karla Pfeiffer in memory of Jon and Judy Clapp.

Luke & Karla Pfeiffer in memory of Geraldine Faurot and Dorothy
Hunsberger Bow.

Rev. Rap & Karen Posnik in memory of Bill Osborn, our son.

Barb & Larry Ross in memory of our sister, Ann Werner.

Jim Rynberg in memory of Lila & John W. Rynberg.

Jim Rynberg in memory of David & John H. Rynberg

Luke & Crystal Schmulz in memory of Rev. Michael Schmulz and Nicolas
Nashu Micko.

Pat & Tracy Stern in memory of Viola Beth Stern.

Barb Veldman in memory of mother.

Jack & Mary Butterick in honor of Jim Rynberg for his years of dedication
to the beautification of the altar.

Brad & Stacey Church in honor of family and friends.

Carrie & Tony DeMull in honor of our mother and grandchildren.

Arnie & Betty Dougan in honor of family and friends.

Dean & Jean Morehouse in honor of our amazing church family.

Kelly Parks, Holly & Lyle Shepherd, Stacey & Brad Church and families in
honor of Arnie & Betty Dougan.

Jim Rynberg in honor of London Walker & Watson Wuebben.

Susan & Jeff Stewart in honor of Jack & Fran Stewart.