

***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 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

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.

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



May 10, 2026

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

Prelude

Rachel Poches

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

All: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Pastor: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

Pastor: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn-** “Sing Praise to God Who reigns Above”
- **Blue Hymnal # 97** vs 1 & 4

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! Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

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: Ruth 1:12-18, I Peter 3:13-22, John 14:14-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Finding the Belonging God Wants You to Have”
Crystal Schmalz

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

***Hymn -** “Faith of Our Mothers” - **see screen/insert**

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**

***Sending Hymn -** “Now I Belong to Jesus”- **Blue Hymnal #501**
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Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: Brad & Stacey Church

Next Sunday: John & Gail Cooper

Song Leader: Pat Krehn

Scripture Reader:

Next Sunday:

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Craig Zeerip (13)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, May 10 - *Mother's Day*

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

No New Members Class today

Monday, May 11

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 Meeting - Library

6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Tuesday, May 12 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Wednesday, May 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. Women's Bible Study with Beth - Library

Thursday, May 14 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, May 15

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

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

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

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

Welcome to worship! Today we acknowledge mothers and special mother-figures in our lives — we thank God for you! **If you are visiting** with us this morning be sure to take a “welcome bag” located on the welcome table by the church office.

Charitable Giving and Youth For Christ - thank you for your donations so far toward camp scholarships for the students!! We continue to collect donations through the end of June but the deadline for camp scholarships is May 20. Please give generously as most of the students can't afford camp on their own and camp has proven to be a life changing experience! There is a donation box on the Narthex table and a basket on the serving counter in Fellowship Hall. Cash is great and checks can be made out to the church with YFC camp on the item line. Let's break the bank with donations! Charitable Giving

The New Members Class began 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)

We will be hosting Rooms of Refuge May 25 - June 1. A sign up sheet will be posted soon for supplying dinners.

We will be joining other churches in the community on Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park. Bring your lawn chair along. Rain Location will be the First Christian Reformed Church.

