

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music - "Just As I Am" The Voices of Six

*Sending Hymn - "Cares Chorus"

Blue Hymnal #627

*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

Lorene Witte

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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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



**CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY
ON HIM,
BECAUSE HE
CARES FOR YOU.**

1 PETER 5:7, NRSV

May 17, 2026

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 68)

Pastor: Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

All: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Pastor: Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

All: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

Pastor: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

All: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn-** “All Creatures of Our God and King”
- **Blue Hymnal #63** 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! “The God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.”

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 1:6-14, I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Cast Your Anxiety on Him” **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

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

Special Music - “God of Wonders” - Rev. Rap Posnik

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

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Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: John & Gail Cooper

Next Sunday: worship in the park

Song Leader: The Voices of Six

Scripture Reader: Ruth Cowles

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Tony DeMull(17), Ted Clark (24)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Brad & Stacey Church (25)

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

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

Monday, May 18

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

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

Tuesday, May 19 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, May 20

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, May 21 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, May 22

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

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

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Park - NO worship here

Monday, May 25 *Church Office Closed* - Memorial Day

Our Church News

Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship! **If you are visiting** with us this morning be sure to take a "welcome bag" located on the welcome table by the church office.

Thank You Rev. Rap Posnik for sharing your gift of music with us this morning.

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 joining other churches in the community next 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.

We will be hosting Rooms of Refuge May 25 - June 1. A sign up sheet is posted if you are willing to supply a meal. Dates will be determined later.

Youth For Christ - Fremont will be using First Congregational facilities on Tuesday, June 9 and is asking if we would provide a meal at 5 pm for five children (11-13 yrs) plus three adults in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be followed by a Bible lesson and outdoor activities. If you would like to provide the meal on June 9, please contact Jack B for details.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and thoughtful parting gifts. I have so enjoyed getting to know everyone over the last few years and being a part of your worship services. I hope to continue to see many of you at future travelogues and the cooking club. Thanks, Rachel Poches

Mark your calendar - Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.