

***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**

David Vandenbelt

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.

May 31, 2026

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

Prelude

David Vandenberg

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 8)

Pastor: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Pastor: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn-** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

- Blue Hymnal #63 vs 1,2,5

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! “You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

All: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune 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: Genesis 1:1-2:4, Matthew 28:16-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “In the Beginning”

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

***Hymn -** “This is My Father’s World”

- Blue Hymnal # 143

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 - Jeff Stewart

***Sending Hymn -** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

- Blue Hymnal #3

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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: Miles & Ruth Cowles

Next Sunday: Pat & Robin Dekleva

Song Leader: Stacey Church

Scripture Reader: Carrie DeMull

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Miles & Ruth Cowles (3)

Prayer Requests ~

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, May 31

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

11:30 a.m. New Members Class -Library

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, June 5

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Saturday, June 6

9:30 a.m. Town Hall Celebratory Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 7

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

We worship in the same way that we live — in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Welcome, one and all!

The New Members Class began April 26 following worship in the library for four Sunday's - today concludes the classes.

We will be hosting Rooms of Refuge May 25 - June 1.

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.

Mark your calendar for a Celebratory Pancake Breakfast Town Hall 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6. Rev Rap & friends will be "live" from Fellowship Hall with welcoming music to add to the celebration. There will be **surprises, balloons** and **live music**. You won't want to miss this exciting morning!!!!



A huge Thank You to Bill Black, Ted Caris, Brad Church, Karla Pfeiffer, Dan Price and Jack Butterick for all their hard work on the Memorial Garden. We spread 35 bags of mulch recently. Your help is greatly appreciated and the Garden looks great. Well done good and faithful servants. Blessings to all, Mary Butterick, Chair.

The Men's Fellowship Lunches will take a summer break. They will not be meeting this Wednesday they will resume again in September.



Altar Rep: Barb Clark **The Order of Worship**
Distinctions Prayer (Middle School Choirs project - unison)
 Prelude **Amazing Grace** Pat & Rowing **Cherish** here today **David Vandenberg**.
 Song Leader **Prayer** Church have we ask you to breathe the new life into our
 Announcements
 Scripture Reader: **Maryia DeWitt** **Ignite the fires of revival** within our church.
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The Men's Fellowship **hundreds** wall takes signs for **Break the Cycle** will
 be meeting this Wednesday, they will have a **gymnastics** **Sept** **host**. Praise
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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***Sending Hymn** - "Holy, Holy, Holy", 2026 - **Blue Hymnal #3**
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