

**\*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**



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# The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



I WILL  
BLESS THOSE  
WHO BLESS  
YOU...



June 7, 2026

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

**Prelude**

**Lorene Witte**

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

**New Members -**

**Kathy Fletcher, Alex Kemperman, Karla Pfeiffer, Sandy Spradlin**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 33)**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music to him with a ten-stringed harp. Sing a new song to him; play skillfully on the strings, with a joyful shout. For the word of the Lord is right, and all his work is trustworthy.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Pastor: Lord's unfailing love. The heavens were made by the word of the Lord, and all the stars, by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the water of the sea into a heap; he puts the depths into storehouses. Let the whole earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it came into being; he commanded, and it came into existence.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn- "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**- Blue Hymnal #210 vs 1,2,4**

**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! It was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness, it was not written for his sake alone but for us as well. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead.

**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:** Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*The Apostle's Creed** (words projected)

**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 Communion - Communion Litany**

**Communion Music - "Nothing But the Blood" - The Voices of Six**

**\*Sending Hymn - "Trust and Obey" - Blue Hymnal #571 vs 1 & 5**

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**Altar Rep:** Barb Clark

**Greeting us today:** Pat & Robin Dekleva

**Next Sunday:** Kelly Parks

**Song Leader:** the Voices of Six

**Scripture Reader:** Carrie DeMull

**Next Sunday:**

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

**Prayer Requests ~**

### **This Weeks Calendar**

#### **Sunday, June 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion & New Members - Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

#### **Monday, June 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. Technology Board - Library

#### **Tuesday, June 9** - *Church Office Closed*

- 10:00 a.m. Small Group - Pat Krehn's home
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Youth for Christ

#### **Wednesday, June 10**

- 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, June 11** - *Church Office Closed*

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

#### **Friday, June 12**

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

#### **Saturday, June 13**

#### **Sunday, June 14**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Special Music (Stacey, Martha, Jack) - Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

### **Our Church News**

**Good morning, and welcome** to worship at the First Congregational Church. What a blessing to take time away from life's busyness to rest in God's presence.

**This morning we have the privilege** of welcoming four new members to our family here at the Congregational Church. Joining our fellowship today are: Kathy Fletcher, Alex Kemperman, Karla Pfeiffer and Sandra Spradlin. Welcome!! Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to welcome them personally and enjoy a piece of cake in their honor.

**60 & 90** - Did you notice the fish bowl & the colored ping pong balls on the welcome table? Let's see how many people we can invite this summer. For every person you invite put a ball in the fish bowl. Let's try and fill it up.

**WOW - Worship on Wednesday** - if you weren't able to attend the Celebratory Pancake Breakfast yesterday you didn't sign up to receive the WOW texts. Every Wednesday a text will be sent with encouragement to pray, items to pray for and prayer requests. You will only receive a text on Wednesday no other messages will be sent as of now. If you would like to be included in the WOW text - please sign up on the sheet on the welcome table. NO texts will be sent to your number without your permission - so we need you to provide your name and number

**Summer Hours** - Pastor Luke will be in the office most afternoons (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). If you want to get a hold of him send him a email ([pastorluke@fremontfcc.org](mailto:pastorluke@fremontfcc.org)) or call or text him at 920-428-0030.



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## New Member Litany

**Pastor:** This morning we welcome Kathy Fletcher, Alex Kemperman, Karla Pfeiffer and Sandra Spradlin who wish to become a member of First Congregational Church.

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. Kathy, Alex, Karla and Sandy have found nurture and support in the midst of our family of Christ. They have been led by the Holy Spirit to claim in our presence his covenant with Jesus Christ and the members of God's church. They are here for service, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Kathy, Alex, Karla and Sandy, you are no longer a stranger here but stand with the members of this household of God, as we grow together into a holy temple in Christ.

### **Pastor to New Member:**

Kathy, Alex, Karla and Sandy: Do you join us in our faith in the Triune God....Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; confess that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man; agree that the Bible is the written Word of God; affirm that the central content of the scriptures is the Gospel of reconciliation and redemption; confess that the mission of the church is to bear witness to God's trust and gospel in our words and deeds and agree with the Church Covenant by which this church exists as a distinct body?

*(New Member): Yes, I do in the name of God and His Son.*

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in His way, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

*(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.*

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of His church here on Hillcrest Drive, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission?

*(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.*

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this church, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of the First Congregational Church as it serves our community and the world?

*(New Member): I promise, with the help of God and His Son.*

### **Pastor to the Congregation:**

Congregation, do we express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ? If so, please join me in the pledge on the screen and printed in your bulletin: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Kathy, Alex, Karla and Sandy, today we celebrate your presence in this faith community. By becoming a part of us, you have refreshed and renewed God's church. In the name of Jesus Christ, as your Pastor and on behalf of the First Congregational Church, I welcome you into membership of the First Congregational Church.

### **Pastor:**

Please join me in prayer: O God, we praise You for calling us to faith and for gathering us into Your church. We thank you for your people gathered and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we love in the Spirit, building one another up on your Spirit, sharing regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have the same mind as Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## *Church Covenant*

*The covenant by which this church exists as a distinct body and which every member accepts is as follows:*

**“We are banded together as a Christian church to maintain the worship of God, to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in all people a consciousness of their relations and duties to God and to humanity, and to inspire them with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express His spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christian kindred and to submit ourselves to the government of the church, working, giving, praying for its increase, its purity, its peace and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.”**