

**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. Amen.**

**\*Sending**

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

**\*Postlude**

**Jack Brooks**

**The First Congregational Church**

Your Independent Worship Center



**Isaac loved Esau,  
because he was fond of game;  
but Rebekah loved Jacob.**

Genesis 25:28, NRSV



*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](http://www.fremontfcc.org) and also on Facebook and YouTube.

July 12, 2026

## The Order of Worship

\*please stand, if you are able

### Prelude

Jack Brooks

### Announcements

### Welcome

### Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

**All: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**

Pastor: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

**All: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

### Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn- "Thy Word" - Blue Hymnal #184

### 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: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

### \*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 25:19-34, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Jacob and Esau"

**Pastor Luke Schmalz**

\*The Apostle's Creed (words projected)

**Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks**

### 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

**Special Music - Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach, Jack Brooks**

\*Sending Hymn - "The God of Abraham Praise" - Blue Hymnal #23

\*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.**

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**Altar Rep:** Tracy Stern

**Greeting us today:** Pat Krehn

**Next Sunday:** Ted & Jeannie Caris

**Song Leader:** Stacey Church

**Scripture Reader:**

**Next Sunday:**

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

**Happy Birthday to ~**

Ruth Cowles (16), Shelli Waldo (19)

**Happy Anniversary to ~**

Craig & Susan Zeerip (2 - Belated)

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Jim Rynberg in honor of my wonderful family: Daughter, Alicia Westfall; granddaughter Allyse, Adam and Landon Walker; grandson, David, Danielle and Watson Wuebben.*

### This Weeks Calendar

#### **Sunday, July 12**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday, July 13**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 14** - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Small Group (Pat's) at the home of Carrie DeMull

#### **Wednesday, July 15**

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

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

#### **Thursday, July 16** - Church Office Closed

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

#### **Friday, July 17**

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

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

4:30 p.m. Hybrid Open House/Tour - upper level

#### **Saturday, July 18**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hybrid Car Wash - church parking lot

#### **Sunday, July 19**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Pastor Rap - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

### Our Church News

**We welcome all** who have come to glorify God in worship. May our hearts reach out to God and to one another in love. We are glad you are here.

**Thank you to** Stacey Church, Martha Kallenbach and Jack Brooks for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

**Pastor Luke will be** on vacation this week. And for the remainder of July he will be attending class in Ohio working toward his Doctorate. If you need pastorate care during this time please contact the church office or one of the Deacon co-chairs - Ruth Cowles or Carrie DeMull.

**Pastor Rap Posnik** will be filling the pulpit next Sunday, July 19.

**60 & 90** - Did you notice the fish bowl & the colored ping pong balls on the bulletin 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.

**The Women's Bible Study with Beth** will meet for the remainder of the Summer on July 15 (changed from July 8) August 12.

**Ladies Luncheon at the home** of Carrie DeMull on Wednesday, August 12 at 12:00 noon. Car pool from church at 11:30 please bring a dish to pass. Main dish provided (Chicken Salad croissants) Please sign up on the sheet by the office door or in Fellowship Hall so we can plan accordingly.

**The Parking Lot is finished.** We ask that you are careful to not do sharp turns, burn outs or donuts as it continues to "cure". If you would like to donate to this project please write a check with "parking lot" on the memo line.

**Small Group (Pat's)** will meet July 14 at 10:00 at the home of Carrie DeMull and July 28 at the home of Pat Krehn.

**The Hybrid Home School** group will be having "tours" for prospective and registered families on Thursday, July 17, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. They currently have 29 students enrolled. For more information on this group see the last page of your July Carillon.

**Hybrid Car Wash** - the Hybrid Group will be having a Car Wash Fundraiser in the church parking lot on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.