

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

Lorene Witte

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.



August 2, 2026

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

Prelude

Lorene Witte

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

All: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn-** “Seek Ye First”

- Blue Hymnal #713

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 32:22-31, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Jacob’s Limp”

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 #462

Communion Litany (words projected)

Communion Music - “Oh How He Loves You and Me” & “For God So
Loved the World” - **Voices of Three**

***Sending Hymn -** “Blessed Assurance”

- Blue Hymnal #572 vs 1

***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 spread the message of hope and salvation to our community.**

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