

***Sending**

***Postlude**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Jack Brooks

The First Congregational Church

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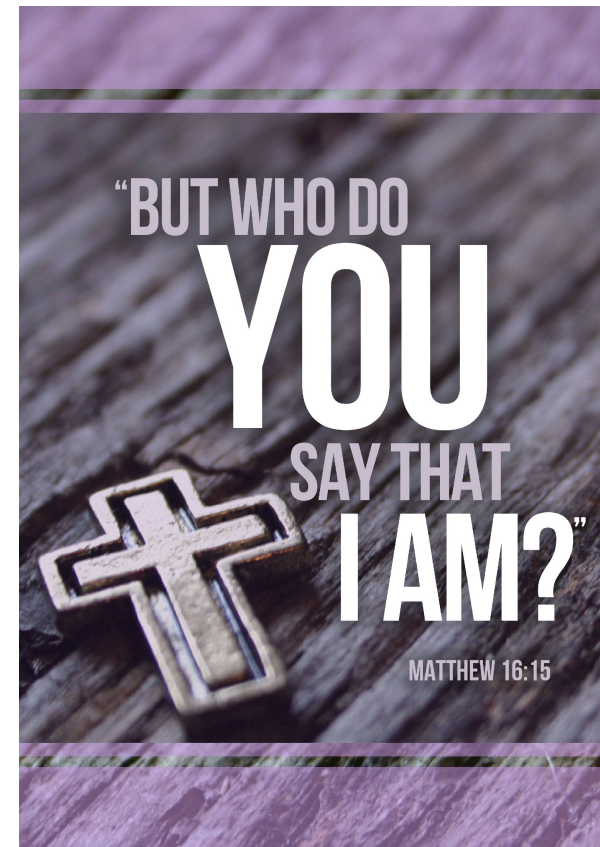
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



August 23, 2026

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

Prelude

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Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 124)

Pastor: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side - let Israel now say - if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

All: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

Pastor: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn-** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”- **Blue Hymnal #139**

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: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Matthew 16:13-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Who do you say that I am?”

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

***Hymn - “Onward, Christian Soldiers” Blue Hymnal #731**

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**

***Sending Hymn - “Make Me a Blessing” - Blue Hymnal #670**

***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. 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.
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Altar Rep: Tracy Stern

Greeting us today: Ted Caris

Next Sunday: Loretta VanDuzen

Song Leaders: Beth & Gary Hooker

Scripture Reader: Pastor Luke

Next Sunday: Carrie DeMull

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Happy Anniversary to ~

Tony & Carrie DeMull (24)

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, August 23

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
Rooms of Refuge

Monday, August 24 Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, August 25 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Small Group - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27 - *Church Office Closed*

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

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, September 3 - Hybrid Open House

Thursday, September 8 - First Day of School

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Begin in the Chapel

1:45 - 2:00 p.m. End in the Chapel

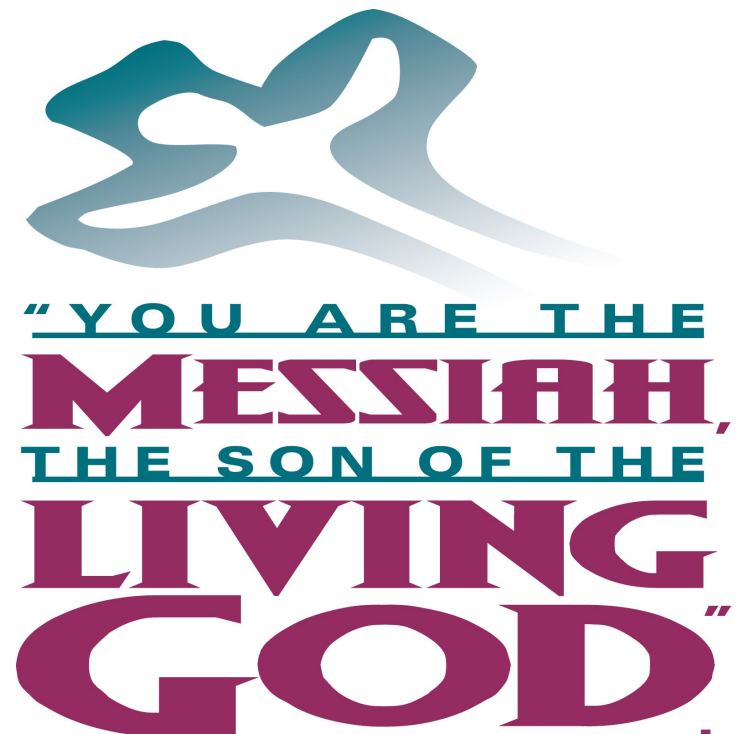
Our Church News

Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

60 & 90 - Did you notice the fish bowl & the colored ping pong balls on the bulletin table? *The ping pong balls are gone!!!* Nice work!! But keep inviting - a new supply is coming!! 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.

Requested Announcements

The Holton Methodist Church is having a Chicken Barbecue - Take Out ONLY on Thursday, August 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Menu includes: ½ Chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. For tickets please contact Bernie Denney 231-707-0145. All proceeds go toward Missional Partners.



Matthew 16:16, NRSV