

fervent desire to spread the message of hope and salvation 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.

*Sending

Pastor Luke Schmalz

*Postlude

David Vandenberg

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center

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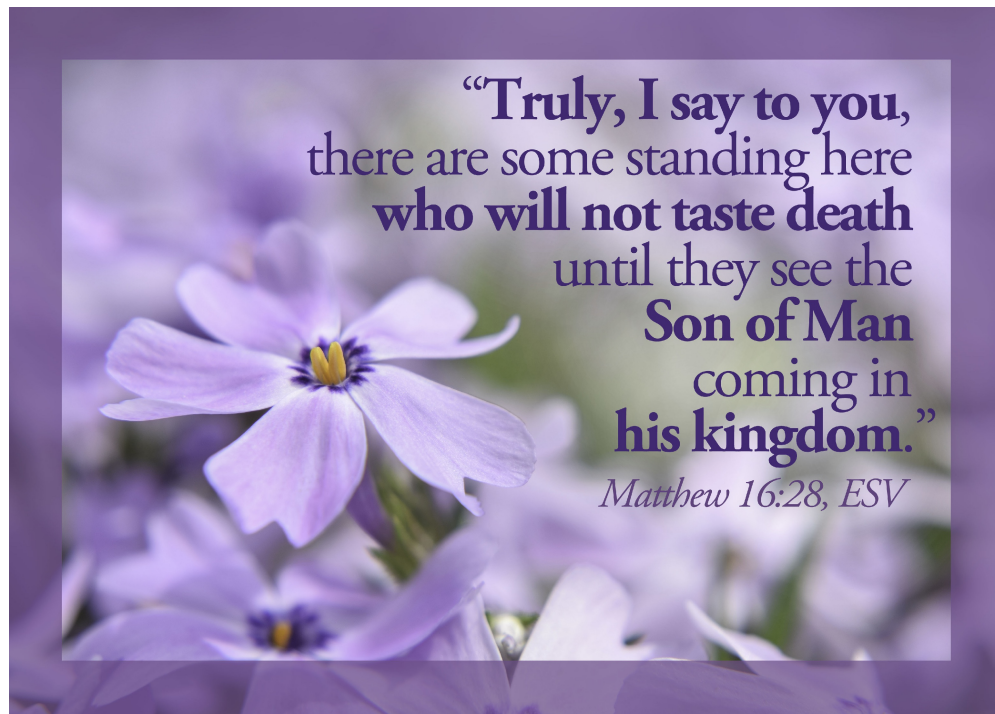
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook and YouTube.



August 30, 2026

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

Prelude

David Vandenberg

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.

All: 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.

Pastor: 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: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham. And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes, whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

Pastor: He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn- "O Worship the King"- Blue Hymnal #104 vs 1,3,4**

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: 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 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Beyond the Wilderness"

Pastor Luke Schmalz

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

***Hymn - "I Surrender All" - Blue Hymnal #596**

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 - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #602**

***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

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Altar Rep: Tracy Stern

Greeting us today: Loretta VanDuzen

Next Sunday: No Worship Here

Song Leaders: Gary & Beth Hooker

Scripture Reader: Carrie DeMull

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

Happy Birthday to ~

Elise Pfeiffer (29), Heidi Redding (31)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Mike & Jane Stroschin (31)

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

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

Monday, August 31 Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, September 1 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, September 2

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

12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 3 - *Church Office Closed*

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

? Hybrid Open House

Friday, September 4

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

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

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Worship at the Farmers Market - No worship here

Monday, September 7 - Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, September 8 - First Day of Hybrid Harmony Home School

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Begin in the Chapel 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. End in the Chapel

Sunday, September 27 - Noisy Offering for the CROP Walk

Sunday, October 4 - Soup Luncheon following worship - Cost-donation for the CROP Walk

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.

Men's Fellowship Lunch begins again this month after a summer break. Our chef will be Ted Caris and Bill Black will be our speaker talking about his Navy Experiences. All men are invited! Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 noon.

Would YOU be willing to make and serve coffee following worship on occasion? There is a sign up sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hosts (we do sign ups for two months at a time - or call the church office and Lorene will sign you up for any time!)

Altar Flowers - included on the Coffee Host sign up is a sign up for Altar Flowers - if you would like to provide flowers please sign up on sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall. They can be from your garden, from the florist, etc. If you would like a note in the bulletin regarding your flowers please let Lorene know - perhaps in honor or in memory or something special in your life or family, etc.

Next Sunday, September 6 we will be worshipping together with local churches at the Farmer's Market location at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a chair if you are able - there will be a few chairs available.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

CROP Walk - Sunday, October 4 - we will be having our NOISY Offering on the last Sunday of September and that offering will be donated to the CROP Walk. On Sunday, October 4 the Women's Fellowship will be having a Soup Luncheon following worship. All you can eat in exchange for a CROP Walk donation.

Pick up a sheet on the bulletin table with addresses, email and phone information for new members and friends to add to your directory.

