

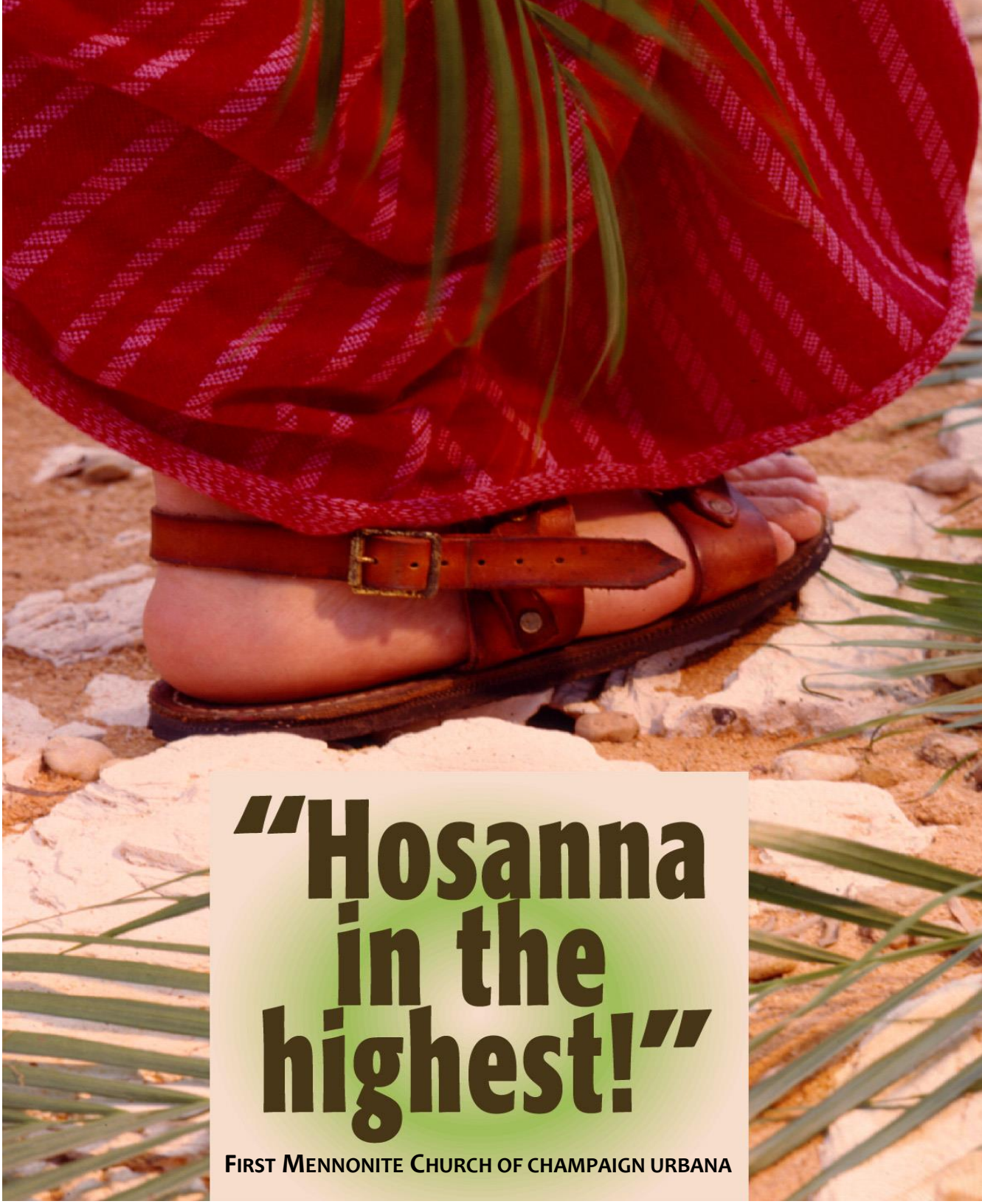
Thanks to our worship and
welcome teams

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman
Song Leader – Pastor Deb
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's story – Lynne Sancken
Scripture reader – Pastor Michael
Voices – Tammie Bouseman, Doug Malcolm, Steve Rayburn, Beth Rempe, Pastor Deb
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Jan Sabey, Ally & Jon Welty Peachey
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – "A palm with the shadow of the cross" by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & George Ordal
Worship nursery – Reba King & Anja Schrag, Bob King (on call)
Refreshments – Janet Liechty & Rex Martens

Next Sunday at FMC:
April 1 (Easter)
Worship & Communion at 10:15 am

Worship leader – Sam Cox
Song Leader – Pastor Deb & orchestra
Piano – Phyllis Croisant
Children's story – Lynne Sancken & Pastor Deb
Scripture reader – Sue Biddle
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kate Falk, Chuck Gibson, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – "The New Covenant in my Blood" by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Mary Krick
Worship nursery – Perry Biddle, Jill Schreiber, Mary Biddle (on call)

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**"Hosanna
in the
highest!"**

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

Promise of the Cross

Prelude
Centering chimes
Lighting of solidarity lamp – *Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*
***Hymnal #12** “Come, let us all unite to sing”
Welcome & prayer
Robing the cross

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

***Call to worship**
Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. The reign of God awaits our loud hosannas.
People: Hosanna to God in the highest! Open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
Leader: The gates are open, come in. Give thanks, for God is good!

Mark 11:1-11

Procession of celebration

***Purple songbook #73** “Jesus is coming”
(All are invited to wave palms and join the sanctuary processional)

Children’s story and offering *(please pass the welcome pads)*
Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

A LAVISH ANNOINTING

Mark 14:1-9

Offering *(prayer cards collected)*

Offertory

Green songbook #60 “Lord of all good”

BETRAYAL, ARREST, ABANDONMENT

Mark 14:10-31

Silent reflection

Mark 14:32-52

Choir *Stay with me*

THE TIME OF TRIAL

Mark 14:53-15:15

Procession of confession

Hymnal #144

“Kyrie eleison”

(All are invited to bring palms forward and place them at the foot of the cross)

TORTURE AND EXECUTION

Mark 15:16-39

Choir

Adoramus Te *by Michael Joncas*

THE WOMEN KEEP VIGIL

Mark 15:40-47

“Crucifixion poem” (adapted from a poem by Christian Peacemaker Teams in Colombia)

***Green songbook #105**

“Don’t be afraid”

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Sharing and prayers of the people

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Sung benediction**

“People of God” *by Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez*

** Stand if you are able*

Please feel free to bring palms home with you after the service.

Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you.

Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters. T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth - preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

Our current children’s offering benefits the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project (IBARJ), which works to foster sustainable restorative practices. All are welcome to give to the children’s offering.