



## WELCOME TO

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ.  
Nurturing Community.  
Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HOUR & KIDS' CORNER— 10:30 am  
(Location: fenced lawn west of FMC)

Currently no adult Sunday school classes

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# Celebration of Worship

Season of Creation: Sky Sunday

September 19, 2021

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

*Earth and All Stars arr. by Anne Organ*

#### \*Call to worship (adapted from #881 in *Voices Together*)

Leader: God of cosmos and quarks,

**Side 1: God of rainbows and roly-polies,**

*Side 2: God of electricity and enzymes -*

**ALL: You created the earth and proclaimed it good!**

**Side 1: The galaxies and planets are known to you, yet also the hairs on our heads.**

*Side 2: You cradle all things in the palm of your hand, supporting us in love.*

Leader: Sustain in us a spirit of worship and awe...

**Side 1: for how you continue to be present in the world;**

*Side 2: for helping us to act with love;*

Leader: for all that you have created.

**ALL: Amen!**

#### \*Voices Together #594

"Over My Head"

#### Welcome & prayer

#### Children's story and offering for the United Front Against River Blindness

Congregation sings as children come forward (*Voices Together* #512)

#### Scripture

Jeremiah 4:19-28 & Proverbs 8:22-31

#### Sermon

#### \*Voices Together #806

"Called by Earth and Sky"

#### Offertory and prayer

*To a Lily by William Hodson*

*(please place offerings in the baskets by the doors as you leave at the end of the service)*

#### Blessing of Greg Springer

Congregational sharing and prayer *(please text or email prayers and announcements to Pastor Deb or Pastor Michael)*

#### Work of the church

#### \*Voices Together #539

"God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song"

#### \*Benediction

*\*Stand if you are able*

## We welcome, without exclusion...

all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status, political affiliation, physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.  
Childcare (birth – preschool) is not currently being provided.

## **AFTER WORSHIP: Fellowship & Kids' Corner**

Join us in the fenced lawn west of the church after worship. You may bring your own beverage to drink. There will also be a Bible story and short activity for children birth – 12 years.



## **FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

Worship 9:15am  
Fellowship & Kids' Corner on lawn 10:30am

### **TUESDAY**

FMC sanctuary reserved 9am-12pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

Worship Committee 5pm

### **THURSDAY**

Early Morning Bible Study (zoom) 7am  
Thursday Morning Bible Study, Burwash Park 9:30am  
Spiritual Leadership Team 3pm



Scan or visit  
[www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events)  
for details on upcoming events.

**11 am today - An email will be sent with a link for an online vote on affirming Sheryl Dyck to serve as Council Chair-elect.** Council asked Sheryl to complete the term vacated by Bob Hudson, who resigned in July with Council's blessing. Voting will be open through Tuesday, September 21 at 9 am.

**Pastor Michael will be away Friday, September 25 – Friday, October 2. Please contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.**

### **Fall and Winter Children's Offering Recipient: United Front Against River Blindness**

Their mission: "Distribution of preventive medicines with the proven achievable goal of the eventual control and elimination of several targeted neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)." Dr. Daniel Shungu (Pete's father) is the Executive Director. ([www.riverblindness.org](http://www.riverblindness.org))

**Gratitude for Children's Offering gifts to the Crisis Nursery. We contributed \$861.20.**

### **This Saturday, September 25 at 3 pm | 2021 CU Pride Fest Parade in Urbana | A mask-mandatory event**

FMC will have a group presence in the parade. FMC will have a group presence in the parade, which will go from campus to downtown Urbana, with a vendor fair on Main St. The parade begins at Green and Busey at 3 pm and ends on Water St. Details and map are provided at <https://urbanainline.us/pridefestparade21>. More details coming in Tuesday's email about where and when to meet.

Note: Pride Fest still needs 35 volunteers during the parade in order to have a parade. The volunteer shift is 2 – 4:30 pm. If you can volunteer email Hannah Sheets ASAP at [hannah@unitingpride.org](mailto:hannah@unitingpride.org).

**We're currently taking a break from adult Sunday School until it is safer to meet indoors once again. Families are using the Shine at Home curriculum; youth leaders and youth are deciding how and when to meet.**

**Next Sunday, September 26 | Season of Creation: Mountain Sunday | Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 & Mark 6:30-46**

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:**

Set-up Helpers: Chuck & Rhonda Gibson  
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cindi Schieber  
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Cindy Breeze  
Song Leader: Matt Yoder  
Pianist: Jan Kellogg  
Children's Story: Abby Crosby  
Sermon, Sharing & Prayer: Pastor Michael  
Work of the Church: Pastor Michael  
Offertory: Jan Kellogg  
Sound System & Tech: Emerson Nafziger & Phil Martens  
Stewards: Mary Krick & Bob King  
Kids' Corner: Kathy Springer

## **NEXT SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) AT FMC:**

Set-up Helpers: Chuck & Rhonda Gibson  
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cindi Schieber  
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Keith Springer  
Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey  
Pianist: Kathy Springer  
Children's Story: Randy Nelson  
Sermon, Sharing & Prayer: Pastor Deb  
Work of the Church: Pastor Deb  
Offertory: Pete Shungu  
Sound System & Tech: Laurence Koehn & Phil Martens  
Stewards: Mary Krick & Bob King  
Kids' Corner: Lynne Sancken