



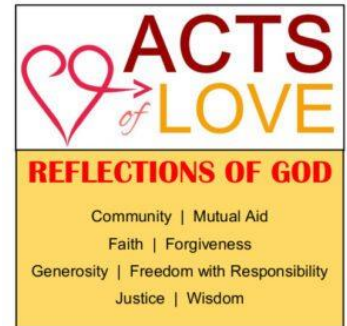
WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 20, 2022

Love as an Act of Freedom



Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Voices Together #57** "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

***Call to worship** Voices Together #902

***Voices Together #95** "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

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

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

Scripture 1 Corinthians 8; Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

***Voices Together #751** "There Is in Every Person"

Offering prayer

Meditation music

(offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings)

Congregational sharing and prayer *(use a mic or text email prayers and announcements to Pastor Michael)*

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

***Voices Together #573** "Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee"

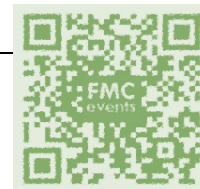
***Benediction**

**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 and 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.



TODAY

Worship 9:15am

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7am (Zoom)

Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am (Zoom)

Service & Outreach Cmte 4 pm (Zoom)

TUESDAY

Sanctuary reserved (9a-Noon)

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Pastor Deb is on sabbatical through the end of February. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

TODAY

- FMC Antiracism Training Conversation Groups begin meeting throughout the week over the next 6 weeks.
- Deadline for emailing to Neta Jackson any meaningful Lent practices that you would like to share in a list of practices compiled by our FMC Lent planning committee.

Next Sunday, February 27 – Final collection for the current children's offering to benefit United Front Against River Blindness. You can contribute to the offering in person during worship, online at our website (click the donate button and select children's offering), or by check (note "children's offering" in the memo line).

FMC's newsletter, The Vine, features interviews with people new to attending FMC, as a way for everyone to get to know you better. If you are new to FMC and willing to be interviewed, please contact editor Cindi Schieber. The submission deadline for the next issue is next Sunday, February 27.

Our December 2021 decision to replace the sanctuary pews with new chairs includes a commitment to special offerings totaling \$22,000. Church Council invites your contributions to this building improvement project, as you are able. Progress will be reported in future announcements and on a chart on the hallway bulletin board. Please designate "Sanctuary Chairs" in the memo of your check or your online donation (on the FMC homepage).

March 12 - 19 - 64th Annual IL MCC Relief Sale Online Auction (no in-person sale this year due to Covid). To sign-up to bid on items or donate quilts or other to the auction/fundraising effort, check last Tuesday's email for details and links.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Visuals: Worship Committee

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Perry Biddle

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Matt Yoder

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Pianist: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Emerson Nafziger

Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

NEXT SUNDAY (FEB 27) AT FMC:

Theme: Love as a Reflection of God

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Visuals: Worship Committee

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Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Sam Cox

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Pianist: Bev Birkey Potts

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