



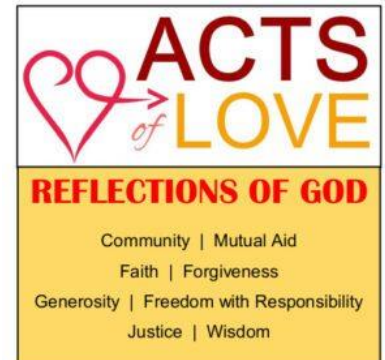
WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 9, 2022

*Love as an Act of Generosity & Mutual Aid*



### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Welcome & prayer

**\*Voices Together #371** "Come, Gracious Spirit"

**\*Call to worship** Voices Together #870

**\*Voices Together #273** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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

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

**Scripture** 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Luke 3:15-22

#### Sermon

**\*Voices Together #722** "Help Us to Help Each Other"

#### 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 Pastors Michael or Deb)*

#### Introduction of visitors

#### Work of the church

##### Mission Moment: MCC Dignity Kits

**\*Voices Together #392** "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

#### \*Benediction

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*\*Stand if you are able*

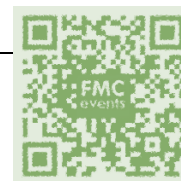
We welcome, without exclusion all who seek God's love and grace...

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.

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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)

**WEDNESDAY**

FMC Council 6:00pm (Zoom)

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

**TODAY after worship** – There is currently no fellowship time. You are welcome to greet others in the sanctuary, but please keep masks on, practice distancing, and leave the aisles and hallways clear for those who are exiting the building. The downstairs is reserved for families with children who want to fellowship and play together. In light of the new Covid variant, in-person Christian Ed classes may not resume in February. Stay tuned.

**This Thursday, January 13 at 9:30 am on Zoom - Thursday Morning 9:30 Bible study resumes.** We'll read and discuss "Wholehearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evans. This book can be purchased for about \$14/kindle or \$23/hardback (no paperback available). If you aren't able to purchase it, contact Pastor Deb. Please read the foreword, the note about reading the introduction, the introduction and the prologue. *All are welcome to attend.*

**Copies of the January Vine (church newsletter) are on the table by the office.** The Vine can also be viewed on our church website and Tuesday email. The deadline for the next edition of the Vine is Sunday, January 30. Submissions can be emailed to Cindi Schieber.

**Group Subscription renewal for Anabaptist World**, an independent and nonprofit journalistic ministry that seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites through timely news reporting and insightful commentary. Current and new subscribers are welcome. The group rate for 2022 is \$39/year for 16 issues. A subscription includes home delivery of the magazine and access to a PDF copy of the magazine online and some exclusive digital content. Please email the church office by January 23 if you wish to be part of the group subscription for 2022. Payment for \$39 should be made to FMC by the end of January and can be made online or by check (write "Anabaptist World" in memo line of checks; online, select "Anabaptist World" from the donate button on the FMC homepage).

**30 Dignity Kits by January 30 – The FMC Service & Outreach Committee is collecting items for Dignity Kits distributed by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).** The dignity kit contains hygiene and sanitary items and provide sustainable support for vulnerable women and girls! FMC is collecting items for 30 Dignity Kits by January 30, 2022. There will be a collection box in the foyer at FMC. **Please use the sign-up to purchase supplies so that we have the correct number of items needed for each kit (scan QR code to the right).** Flyers with a QR code and link to the sign-up are available to take home. The information and link are also on our website.



**Sunday, January 23 after worship - FMC Annual Congregational Meeting.** The meeting will briefly review the work of FMC in 2021 and look ahead to 2022. The 2022 proposed budget will be discussed and decided. The meeting can be attended in-person and over Zoom.

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

Visuals: Worship Committee  
 Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Jon Welty Peachey  
 Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Sheryl Dyck  
 Song Leader: Matt Yoder  
 Pianist: Cheryl Koranda  
 Children's Story: Rebecca Bare  
 Sermon: Pastor Michael  
 Mission Moment: Nadine Zook Miller, MCC Great Lakes  
 Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastors Michael & Deb  
 Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Chuck Gibson  
 Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

**NEXT SUNDAY (JAN 16) AT FMC:**

Theme: MLK – On Love as an Act of Justice  
 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 4:21-30  
 Visuals: Worship Committee  
 Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Jon Welty Peachey  
 Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Laura Brenneman-Fullwood  
 Song Leader: Cindy Breeze  
 Pianist: Pastor Deb  
 Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman  
 Sermon: Pastor Michael  
 Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastors Michael & Deb  
 Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Randy Nelson  
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