

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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TODAY

Worship 9:15a
Safe Church training 10:25a
Short Fellowship Time (no refreshments) 10:45a
Sunday school for all ages 11-11:45a

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study7a (Zoom)
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30a (Zoom)
Racial Justice Working Group 3p (Zoom)
Hospitality & Fellowship Comte 5:30p at FMC

SATURDAY

Green Team 4p (Zoom)

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

TODAY - Immediately after worship we will have a short Safe Church Training, followed by a short time of fellowship (no refreshments) and then in-person Sunday school classes for all ages from 11-11:45 am. The classes will run April - July. We continue to wear masks for now. See the insert for details.

Next Sunday – Service of Palms and Passion. This will be a special service of poetry, music, scripture and drama.

April 10 – 23 – FMC’s Foot Washing Offering during Holy Week will benefit the Immigrant Relief Fund administered by the University YMCA New American Welcome Center. The IRF is used to provide time-sensitive, monetary assistance to local immigrants for one-time expenses. Recent requests have helped families with rent assistance, food assistance and a furnace repair. Donations will be accepted through the week following Easter.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT FMC:

- **Sunday, April 10 during worship: Service of Palms and Passion**
- **Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm: Passion Week Service**
This service takes the place of Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services and no meal will be served.
- **Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday**
 - Finger food potluck brunch on lawn near FMC 9:30am
 - Communion on the lawn 10:15am
 - Worship in the sanctuary 10:30am; No Sunday school

Good Friday Service: *The Seven Last Words.* Friday, April 15, 7 p.m. at Bethel AME Church (401 E. Park Street, Champaign). Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana & Vicinity.



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

April 3, 2022

Lent 5



Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

*Voices Together #36

“Let Us Build a House”

*Call to worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

*Voices Together #527

“Bless the Arms That Comfort”

Children’s story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21: John 12:1-8

Prayer of Confession & Assurance[†]

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.

Leader: Release us from the fear of “not enough,” which leads us to create racial hierarchies used to maintain control over society’s resources.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: You assure us, O God, that you make a path in the wilderness, a river in the desert. May we trust in the gifts that have been given. May we trust that they are enough, overflowing like perfume poured out on our Savior’s feet. Even now the fragrance fills the air. May we breathe deeply your abundance.

**People: Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven.
Blessed are we who are redeemed and being made new.**

Leader: We trust in God’s unfailing love!

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Sermon

***Voices Together #416** “Beyond a Dying Sun”

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

Meditation music

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*Please text or email announcements to Pastors Michael or Deb*)

***Voices Together #551** “Beautiful Things”

*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 AFTER WORSHIP

A time of fellowship (no refreshments) will be held. Sunday school for all ages will follow, from 11-11:45 am. Please remain masked for both. Snacks for children preK-Grade School will be served in the classrooms during Sunday school.



[†]In connection with the current churchwide anti-racism conversations, this year’s Lenten confessions name aspects of racism and our desire to be healed from it.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Thom Moore

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Martha Moore

Song Leader: Matt Yoder

Pianist: Cheryl Koranda

Children’s Story: Danielle Beard & Lynne Sancken

Children’s Nursery: Marcia Nelson & Tom Sutter

Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael

Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY (APRIL 10) AT FMC:

Theme: Service of Palms and Passion (Palm Sunday)

Scripture: Excerpts from Luke 19, 22 and 23

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Thom Moore

Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson

Readers: Chuck Gibson, Lynne Sancken, Pastor Michael

Musicians: Rebecca Bare, Cindy Breeze, Sam Cox,

David Horst Lehman, Pastor Deb, Andrea Welty

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Actors: Danielle Beard, Courtney & Doug Malcolm,

Marcia Nelson, Pastor Deb

Children’s Story: Danielle Beard & Cindy Breeze

Children’s Nursery: Rebecca Bare & Mary Krick

Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Randy Nelson

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