



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

April 24, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Voices Together #50** "Spirit, Working in Creation"

***Call to worship**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you.

People: The cross has not defeated you, and the grave has not kept you silent. In their time of fear, you met your disciples and spoke to them by name.

Leader: We are your family and friends.

People: We come joyfully to confirm the news that you live.

Leader: Meet us as you met your disciples.

People: Speak our names quietly in our hearts, breathe into us your Holy Spirit, that we may live and speak your truth.

***Voices Together #588** "We Walk by Faith"

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

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

Scripture Revelation 1:4-8 and John 20:19-31

Sermon

***Voices Together #343** "These Things Did Thomas Count"

Offering prayer

Meditation music

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

Earth Day video

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

***Voices Together #830** "Go, My Children"

***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

Fellowship is welcome (no refreshments served); please remain masked. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11-11:45 am. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School will be served in the classrooms during Sunday school. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

ADULT CLASSES:

Stories of Repair – Sanctuary
Leaning into God's Presence – Library
Coffee & Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

Pre-K/K – Room 10/11 (downstairs)
Grades 1-5 – Room 3 (downstairs)
Grades 6-12 – Room 7 (downstairs)



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TUESDAY

Spiritual Leadership Team at FMC 11am

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7am (Zoom)
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am (Zoom)
Service & Outreach Committee 4pm (Zoom)

FRIDAY

Pastoral Support Committee at FMC 3pm

SATURDAY

Council Retreat at FMC 8-11am

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

TODAY from Noon – 2 pm – FMC 101. People new to First Mennonite are invited to learn more about and get more connected to the church. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

TODAY at 2 pm - Baby shower for Clover Philippa Mota Thurston and her parents. Come meet Clover and enjoy some fellowship and cookies. There will be index cards on which you can share words of advice or encouragement. **In the event of rain, the shower will be postponed to a later date.**

Today through next Sunday, May 1 - The worship committee is asking for the congregation's input on chair fabric/wood combinations. The worship committee has narrowed the options to 4 fabric/wood combinations. Samples of the 4 combinations are on a table in the foyer, along with survey forms for you to rank your preferences (1st choice - 4th choice). Note: As of today, \$6,980 is needed to fulfill our fundraising goal for the chairs. If you wish to donate, write "chair fundraiser" in the memo line of your check; donations may also be made online using the tith.ly "donate" button on our website. Select "sanctuary chairs" from the dropdown menu.

Next Sunday, May 1 – Submission deadline for items for The Vine, our FMC newsletter. [Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.](#)

FMC's Little Library (on Springfield Ave by the Peace Garden) – Volunteers needed to help monitor and manage the small collection, including receiving and sorting book donations. Please contact Peter Dyck if you want to help.

Saturday, May 7, 8 am – Noon – FMC Spring Workday. There are many tasks to do both indoors and outdoors. Scan the QR code to the right to sign-up for a task or to bring a needed tool. Tuesday's email will also contain a signup link.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: TBD
Song Leader: Matt Yoder
Pianist: Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Bruce Miller
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael
Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Laurence Koehn
Visuals: Neta Jackson
Worship Nursery: Sheryl Dyck & Judy Nafziger
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 1) AT FMC:

Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14 and John 21:1-19
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Kate Falk & Keith Springer
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Pianist: Bev Birkey Potts
Children's Story: Mary Biddle
Mission Moment: Alison Dupre, Feeding Our Kids Exec. Director
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael
Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Tom Sutter & Sarah Little

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