



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 1, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude April Waltz by Selma Caplan

Welcome & prayer

***Voices Together #28** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

***Call to worship** Voices Together #866

***Voices Together #435** "Blessed Assurance"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

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

Sermon

***Voices Together #443** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Offering prayer

Meditation music Nearer, My God to Thee-Lowell Mason/The Approaching Night by Philip Wesley
(offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings)

Mission Moment: Feeding Our Kids

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 #839** "Go Ye Now in Peace"

***Benediction**

**Stand in body or in spirit*

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)

TODAY

Mota Thurston Baby Shower, fenced yard 2pm
FMC reserved for private recital 6-8pm

MONDAY

FMC softball, Field 5 at Dodds Complex 7pm

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7am (Zoom)
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am (Zoom)
Racial Justice Working Group 3pm (Zoom)
Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte, FMC 5:30pm

SATURDAY

FMC Spring Workday 8am-Noon

NEXT SUNDAY

During fellowship time - Special refreshments in the fenced yard in celebration of all who mother.

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

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 – Final day to give 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, \$6,880 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.

TODAY – Deadline for items for The Vine, our FMC newsletter. Email submissions to cindischieber@me.com.

This 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.



The FMC Service & Outreach Committee invites you to help the United Way of Champaign County distribute Read. Talk. Play. Every Day kits on May 12. Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044eaaa92fa31-readtalkplayeve>.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Kate Falk & Keith Springer
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Pastor Deb
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Pianist: Kathy Springer
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
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Worship Nursery: Tom Sutter & Sarah Little
Stewards: Mary Krick & Tammie Bouseman

NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 8) AT FMC:

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Kate Falk & Keith Springer
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Pastor Michael
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Pianist: Bev Birkey Potts
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Work of the Church: Pastor Michael
Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Bharat Patel
Worship Nursery: Mary Krick & Chuck Gibson
Stewards: Mary Krick & Cynthia Nafziger

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