



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 12, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Voices Together #81** "All Creatures, Worship God Most High"

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (*Voices Together #874*)

***Voices Together #120** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15; 1 Samuel 25:23-31

Sermon

***Voices Together #549** "Be Thou My Vision"

Offering prayer

Meditation music *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Voices Together #98)*

(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

***Voices Together #42** "Could It Be That God Is Singing"

***Benediction**

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Quilt at Front of Sanctuary, on loan from Lynne Sancken: This is an authentic handmade Gee's Bend item that has been created by a member of the Gee's Bend Quilting community. This community is part of the rich body of African American art, representing three or more generations of women in the same families. Each handmade Gee's Bend item bears witness to visual conversations among community quilting groups and lineages. Gee's Bend art stands out for its flair, composed boldly and in improvisational geometries that oftentimes transform recycled work clothes, dresses, feed sacks, and fabric remnants. These quilts have been displayed in museums.

This particular quilt was handcrafted following the Gee's Bend quilting tradition that goes back three generations. This hand-sewn quilt features an abstract pattern in shades of yellow, purple, pink and floral with a pastel yellow backing. This piece is completely handmade and hand sewn using cotton fabric and was completed in 2019 by Ms. Delia Thebodeux, one of the 12 current Gees Bend quilters. Lynne and Greg Sancken purchased it in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 provided in the nursery downstairs.

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 are available downstairs before 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)

MONDAY

Worship Committee at FMC 11am
FMC softball@Dodds field #6, 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Property & Finance Cmte (Zoom) 5:30pm
Ten Thousand Villages Board in FMC library 6:30pm

THURSDAY

Thurs. AM Bible study get-together at Nancy Seaman's home 9am

SATURDAY

Green Team mtg (Zoom) 4pm

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

This Friday, June 17, 6 pm at Bethel AME Church (401 E Park St, C) – The Time is Now: A Community Prayer Service Against Violence. Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana & Vicinity. Prayers across race, class, age, gender and faith traditions will be offered to show unity in both our sorrow and our resolve to stem the epidemic of gun violence.

This Saturday, June 18 – June 25 – Several Juneteenth Celebrations will be held in the community to honor the end of slavery in the United States. Detailed information can be found on the communications table near the office, in the June Vine (also on the table and our website), and in the email announcements this coming Tuesday.

- Juneteenth Emancipation Day Celebration (June 18, Noon-3pm), Douglass Park, 5th & Grove, Champaign
- Juneteenth Celebration (June 18, 2-7pm), Crestview Park, 1802 S. Cottage Grove Ave, Urbana
- Martin Luther King Jettie Rhodes Day (June 25, Noon-4pm), King Park, 915 W. Wascher St, Urbana

This Saturday, June 18, 5-9 pm – Come to Scott Bidner's farm to help him celebrate his 60th birthday. Food and drinks will be provided. You might want to bring a folding chair. If you have a fun photo of memory to share about Scott, please email Cathy Murphy. Please also rsvp Cathy if you plan to come.

Next Sunday, June 19 at 12:15 pm – Potluck picnic at Hessel Park in celebration of Father's Day. Bring a nut-free dish to share, your table service, lawn chairs, and games. Drinks will be provided. Look for us in one of the small shelters. The picnic will be postponed in the event of rain.

Sanctuary Chair Fundraiser Update - As of June 7, \$1,255 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 tithe.ly "donate" button on our website. Select "sanctuary chairs" from the dropdown menu.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Cindi Schieber
Worship Leader: Martha Moore
Scripture Reader: Peter Dyck
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; Piano: Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Bruce Miller
Sermon: Sarah Lake-Rayburn
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom & Sound System: Chuck Gibson
Visuals: Quilts (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)
Worship Nursery: Sarah Little & Marcia E Nelson
Stewards: Greg Sancken & Rebecca Bare

NEXT SUNDAY (JUNE 19) AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15a and Luke 8:40-56
Greeters: Clark Breeze & Cindi Schieber
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)
Worship Nursery: Sheryl Dyck & Marcia E Nelson
Stewards: Greg Sancken & Rebecca Bare

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