



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 10, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Voices Together #82** "Segala puji syukur (All Our Praise)"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

Voices Together #855

***Voices Together #77** "Laudate Dominum (Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord)"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37; Acts 9:36-43

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)

Report from the Anti-racism Audit Committee

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 #102** "Santo, santo, santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

***Benediction**

**Stand in body or in spirit; kids are welcome to stand on the floor in front of the chairs and wave a ribbon during singing.*

Today's Visual – This piece was made by Rachel Horst Lehman for the Mennonite Central District Conference (CDC) several years ago. It has been returned to us for a donation to the new CDC initiative to support new small urban congregations. Rachel says, "My hope for this piece is to communicate a sense of yearning for social justice, for claiming our part in history and for actively seeking peace." View a video of Rachel's piece at: <https://youtu.be/b3s6ZzWTA4Q>

EXPLANATION OF THE ARTWORK

Cotton squares – Represent tribal land areas that CDC congregations reside in. A bead representing each CDC congregation is sewn onto the square that represents the church's location.

Four Corner Colors – Represent the traditional medicine wheel, which symbolizes interconnectedness.

Glass Beadwork in Floral and Corn Patterns – Inspired by Potawatomi artwork

Coffee Stirrers – Cut to imitate quill work

Light Colored Wording on Vellum – Names of indigenous people groups, painted to lie directly over the land areas they tended.

Dark Colored Script – Wording from a land agreement, with language adapted from FMC's Doctrine of Discovery Sunday school series.

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)

TODAY

Topic Night at FMC (5p)
Fellowship Picnic deadline signup (online)

MONDAY

Worship Cmte at FMC (11a)
FMC softball at Dodds Field #6 (8p)

THURSDAY

Thurs. AM Bible study fellowship on
Pastor Deb's porch (9a)

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

TONIGHT, July 10 at 5 pm - As Council prepares to re-write the organizational guidelines, we want to hear your thoughts about what you value here at FMC, what changes you would like to see, and how we state who we are. At 4:30 pm, come early for fellowship and refreshments in the fenced yard just west of FMC's parking lot.

The FMC Anti-racism Audit Committee has provided Council with a report and Council has decided on next steps.

Read detailed information in the July Vine. Printed copies are on the communication table or you can view it on our website at: <https://fmc-cu.org/news-events/newsletter/>.

Next Sunday, July 17

- **9:15 am - Communion in the fenced yard just west of FMC's parking lot, followed by worship indoors.**
- **Fellowship Picnic Lunches from 12-2 pm.** Signup via the link sent in today's special email or use this QR code. The signup deadline: TODAY July 10.
- **Youth Pool Party from 2-4 pm.** All youth (middle through high school) are invited to the home of Janet Liechty and Phil Martens (1215 Wilshire Ct, Champaign) for a pool and yard games party.



Saturday, July 23 - Final Faith and Mental Health Conversation. Join Sarah Lake-Rayburn for a time of learning and conversation about mental health in the lives of people of faith. Light refreshments will be served on the front porch at 10:15 am, followed by conversation starting at 10:30 am and lasting 60-90 minutes.

FMC Sanctuary Chair Fundraiser Update - Thank you to all who donated to the FMC sanctuary chair fundraiser; we have reached our goal. The chairs will arrive in early August.

Save the Dates! July 29-31 - RAWtools Weekend of events. Read details in the June issue of the our church newsletter, The Vine (available at <https://fmc-cu.org/news-events/newsletter/>).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Nancy Seaman & Dave Jackson
Worship Leader: Marcia Nelson; Scripture Reader: Scott Bidner
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; Piano: Andrea Welty-Peachey
Children's Story: Randy Nelson
Sermon: Sarah Lake-Rayburn
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
FMC Anti-Racism Audit Report – Karen McKenzie
Zoom & Sound System: Chuck Gibson; Visuals: Rachel Horst Lehman
Worship Nursery: Courtney Malcolm & Megan Cox
Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 17) AT FMC:

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-16; Luke 10:38-42
Greeters: Nancy Seaman & Dave Jackson
Worship Leader: Sam Cox; Scripture Reader: Bev Hertle
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)
Worship Nursery: Tom Sutter & Mary Biddle
Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

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