



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## Celebration of Worship

August 7, 2022

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**\*Voices Together #22** "What Is This Place"

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to Worship** *Voices Together #862 (unison)*

**\*Voices Together #779** "You're Not Alone"

**Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids**

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

**Scripture** John 15:12-17

**Sermon**

**\*Voices Together #56** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

**Offering prayer**

**Meditation music** (*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 #831** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**\*Benediction**

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\*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.

**Thanks to Regina Shands Stoltzfus for bringing us today's message.** Regina is a Professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies at Goshen College. She is co-founder of the Roots of Justice Anti-Oppression Program and a member of the Widerstand consulting team.

**Today's Visual** – This quilt belongs to Kathy Springer. Her mother, Hilda Newcomer, made many quilts in her life, including one for each of her 5 children and one for each of her 15 grandchildren upon their graduation from high school. She made and gave this quilt to Keith and Kathy in 1977. Kathy chose the fabric and the pattern - "Trip Around the World."

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.

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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.

There is no Sunday school for adults, youth or children during August.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit [www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

Worship 9:15a; No Sunday school during August  
Young Adult salad potluck at Pastor Deb's (6p)

### MONDAY

Worship Committee (11a)

### WEDNESDAY

FMC Council (6:30p)

### THURSDAY

Thurs. AM Bible study summer fellowship (9a)  
FMC Library Committee (1p)

### SATURDAY

FMC Worship Workshop (10a)

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

**Copies of the August FMC Vine newsletter are on the communications table or can be read on our church website.**

**The month of August - This is the final month in our current children's offering for Feeding Our Kids.** Over \$408 has been collected to help feed hungry children in our local communities. Children and adults are invited to contribute this month so that we can help feed more of our hungry neighbors

**This Saturday, August 13, 10-11:30 am - Worship Workshop.** People currently volunteers as a worship leader, song leader, story teller, pianist, Scripture reader or greeter, along with anyone who would like more information about what volunteering for a role in worship entails, is encouraged to attend. Please register using the link in the Tuesday emails so that we know how many people to expect.

**Next Sunday August 14 at 10:30 am at the Randolph St. Community Garden (1001 N Randolph, Champaign) - Joint worship service of scripture and hymns with Church of the Brethren.** There will be no Zoom or You Tube and no child care will be provided. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The service will be held under the shelter at the garden, so light rain will not affect the location. In the event of more severe rain or storms, we will meet at the Church of the Brethren (1210 N Neil St, Champaign) just north of the garden. Parking for the garden is off of Randolph St.

**Sunday August 21 - Central District Conference (CDC) Sacred Listening at FMC.** The CDC recognizes that our conference continues to change and is curious about how CDC congregations are tending to the ongoing transformation that God calls us to; they want to hear stories from congregations and are sending 3-member teams to visit congregations, to listen to stories of their church experience. Three members from CDC will join us for worship on August 21. Immediately after worship they will meet with us to listen to our stories of how God is calling FMC. All ages are invited to participate. If anyone is interested in hosting a couple on Saturday night, please let Pastor Deb know.

**August 1 - September 11 – Collection of items to make 10 complete MCC Relief Kits.** You are invited to sign-up so that we have the appropriate number of each item to complete the 10 kits. Look for a sign-up link in Tuesday's email or scan the QR code to the right. Please read descriptions of items closely, since MCC requires specific sizes, numbers of items/package, etc. Place donations in the box near the church office no later than September 11. Thank you!



## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Nancy Seaman & Karen McKenzie  
Worship Leader: Martha Moore; Children's Story: Bruce Miller  
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Pastor Deb  
Scripture: John 15:12-17; Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn  
Sermon Regina Shands Stoltzfus  
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: Mary Krick; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger  
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)  
Worship Nursery: Melissa Shungu & Sarah Little  
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Emerson Nafziger

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