



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

July 31, 2022

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**\*Voices Together #34** "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to Worship** *Voices Together #861 (unison)*

**\*Voices Together #412** "My Soul Cries Out"

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

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

**Scripture** Luke 12:13-21

**Sermon**

**\*Voices Together #407** "View the Present"

**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 #642** "Healing River of the Spirit"

**\*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 Joni S. Sancken for bringing us today's message. Joni grew up at FMC (daughter of Greg and Lynne) and is professor of homiletics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She is the author of several books reflecting a theological and interdisciplinary approach to preaching. Most recently her work has engaged with preaching, theology, and trauma theory. She lives in Oakwood, Ohio, with her spouse Steve Schumm who serves on the pastoral staff at Southminster Presbyterian Church, children Maggie and Theodore and dogs Bella and Pax.*

*Today's Visual: This rainbow quilt was given to First Mennonite by Laura and Jo Brenneman-Fullwood on the occasion of Laura's ordination. The quilt is special because it recognizes our church's support of the LGBT+ community and our walk with Laura in receiving ordination and having her ministry affirmed by the Central District Conference.*

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. In lieu of the regular adult Sunday school classes and Coffee and Conversation, Joni will lead a discussion of the way church communities have been affected by the collective trauma resulting from Covid, racial trauma and economic uncertainties. Children and youth will have their regular Sunday school class.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (all downstairs):

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

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

### TODAY (see announcements for details)

- Special adult Sunday school discussion
- Vine submissions due
- Rawtools weekend concludes

### WEDNESDAY

FMC Guidelines Writing Committee (6:30p)

### THURSDAY

Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)  
Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte (4:30p)

### FRIDAY

Informal wedding celebration for Sarah & Nick at Garden Pavilion in Meadowbrook Park (7p)

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

### TODAY

- **Deadlines for August Vine newsletter submissions.**
- **In lieu of the regular adult Sunday school classes and Coffee and Conversation**, Joni will lead a discussion of the way church communities have been affected by the collective trauma resulting from Covid, racial trauma and economic uncertainties. Children and youth Sunday school classes will be held today.
- **2-5 pm at Cunningham Township (205 W Green St, U) - RAWtools Weekend concludes with a Self-care Community Repair Wellness Fair.**

**Church Council is delighted to announce that Pastor Debra has received a vote of 100 percent for a renewal of a 5 year contract with First Mennonite Church!** Thanks to all who participated in the evaluation and for your strong support of Pastor Debra!

**This Friday, August 5 at 7 pm in the Garden Pavilion at Meadowbrook Park (Race St. entrance) - All FMCers are invited to attend an informal party to celebrate of the upcoming wedding of Sarah Lake Rayburn and Nick Peebles.**

**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. We will look at a few general aspects of our worship services and also divide into groups to share information about specific roles. Please register using the link in the Tuesday emails so that we know how many people to expect.

**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.

**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 & Dave Jackson  
Worship Leader: Mary Biddle; Children's Story: Lesley Deem  
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Pastor Deb  
Scripture: Luke 12:13-21; Scripture Reader: Keith Springer  
Sermon Joni Sancken; Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: Bharat Patel; Sound System: Randy Nelson  
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)  
Worship Nursery: Tom Sutter & Karla Woodson  
Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

### NEXT SUNDAY AT FMC (AUGUST 7):

Greeters: Nancy Seaman & Karen McKenzie  
Worship Leader: Martha Moore; Children's Story: Rebecca Bare  
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Andrea Welty- Peachey  
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: TBD  
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)  
Worship Nursery: Sarah Little & Melissa Shungu  
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Emerson Nafziger

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