



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

September 11, 2022

### Season of Creation | Fauna Sunday



*Fauna of Illinois*

Northern Cardinal | White-Tailed Deer  
Monarch Butterfly | Painted Turtle

Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

\*Gathering hymn #177

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Poem

“Who Will Speak?” by Linda Hogan

Children’s story and offering for Kino Border Initiative (KBI)

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

\*Praising hymn (words on song sheet) “If I Were a Butterfly”

Confession

Congregational Response: *Hear our prayer.*

Assurance

Leader: Praise to God who has given us life.

**People: Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Leader: Praise to God who forgives our sin.

**People: Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Leader: Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**People: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

Scripture

Job 39:1-8, 26-30 and Luke 12:13-34

Sermon

\*Response hymn #539

“God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song”

Offering prayer

Meditation music (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings*)

Congregational sharing (*use a mic or text/email prayers and announcements to Pastor Michael*)

Prayer

Congregational Response: 1. *Help us listen as you do.* 2. *Help us listen as you do.*

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

\*Sending hymn (song sheet)

“When Long Before Time”

\*Benediction

\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

*Note: The poem “Who Will Speak?”, by Linda Hogan, is from the book **Eclipse** (1983)*

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 fenced yard.

## 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:

How the Bible Actually Works: Sanctuary  
Everything Happens for A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved: Library  
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

### CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11 (downstairs)  
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3 (downstairs)  
Young Adult Sunday school (youth invited, too): Room 13 (downstairs)



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

### TODAY

Worship 9:15a, followed by Sunday school  
Green Team Summit Watch Party, Champaign  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian (4:45p)

### MONDAY

Worship Cmte (9:15a)

### WEDNESDAY

Wed AM Zoom Bible Study (8:00a)  
FMC Council mtg (6:30p)

### THURSDAY

Fall Thursday Bible study (9:30a)

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

**TODAY - Green Team Watch Party at First Presbyterian (302 W Church, C) at 4:45 pm.** FMC and First Presbyterian Church invite you to gather to watch and discuss Keynote Session by renowned climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. Register online to join the watch party: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/watch-party> (scroll down to the bottom of the page). The Green Team Summit continues through September 14. Detailed information and registration at: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>.

**TODAY – Deadline for ordering FMC "God's Love is for Everyone" Pride T-shirts.** Sizes can be printed for all ages and are available in SHORT OR LONG-SLEEVED T-shirts. The cost will depend on the number ordered. If you are interested in ordering one or more shirts, please talk to Lynne Sancken TODAY and let her know size(s), quantity and whether you want short or long sleeved shirts.

**This Wednesday, September 14 at 8 am – Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible study begins.** Join us for a weekly discussion of the upcoming Sunday worship scriptures. The discussion is facilitated by Pastor Michael. *All are welcome to attend.* Contact Pastor Michael if you need the Zoom link.

**Saturday, October 1 at 11am – Annual CU Pride Parade.** Lynne Sancken is organizing and FMC group to march in the parade. Please contact her if you are interested in participating. More details coming soon.

**Sunday, October 2 at 2pm (pre-walk program at 1:30 pm) – CU Crop Hunger Walk.** Chuck Gibson is organizing FMC's team. If you wish to join the team or make a donation, visit: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-mennonite-church-of-champaign-urbana>

**Sunday, October 8 at 7pm, Faith United Methodist Church (1719 S Prospect, C) – I Go On Singing.** This 90-minute multi-media musical documentary tells the story of Paul Robeson, the most famous African American entertainer of his day and an international celebrity as an advocate for peace and justice. His story is integral to the history of African Americans and the struggle for civil rights. "I Go On Singing" is written and performed by the gifted American baritone and international ambassador of peace Anthony Brown. First Mennonite is a co-sponsor of the event.

**Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code or visit:** <https://tinyurl.com/I-Go-On-Singing>



## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Cindi Schieber & Lesley Deem  
Worship Leader: Sharon Monday  
Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman  
Scripture & Poem Reader: Earl Kellogg  
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Andrea Welty Peachey  
Flute: Mary Krick & Rachel Horst Lehman  
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb; Work of the Church: Pastor Michael  
Zoom: Chuck Gibson; Sound System: Randy Nelson  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Abby Crosby;  
SS Nursery: Taniya & Courtney Malcolm  
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 AT FMC (Theme: Storm Sunday)

Greeters: Lesley Deem & Bob King  
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson; Children's Story: Rudy & Michelle Moyer-Litwiller  
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis; Piano: Pam Peña-Martin  
Flute: Danielle Beard & Rachel Horst Lehman; Trumpet: Pete Shungu  
Scripture: Psalm 29 and Luke 8:22-25  
Scripture & Poem Reader: Lynne Sancken  
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael; Work of the Church: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: Bharat Patel; Sound System: Laurence Koehn  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Tom Sutter; SS Nursery: Taniya & Pete Shungu  
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

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