



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

September 25, 2022

### Season of Creation | Cosmos Sunday

Centering chimes

Prelude

\*Gathering hymn #594 "Over My Head"

Welcome & prayer

Poem "Prayer" by Robert Two Bulls

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

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

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.**

\*Praising hymn #175 "Planets Humming as They Wander"

Scripture Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 and 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon

\*Response hymn #500 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

\*Sending hymn #788 "The Garden Needs Our Tending Now"

\*Benediction



The world's newest space telescope captured a vibrant scene of star formation in the Tarantula Nebula, located 161,000 light-years away. (Image credit: NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI, Webb ERO Production)

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

*Two Bulls, Robert (Oglala Lakota Oyate). (2013). Prayer. In S.Heinrichs (Ed.). Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on creation, land justice, and life together (p.313). Herald Press.*

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 fenced yard.

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship is welcome (no refreshments served); please remain masked. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. 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 Fellowship (until 11:15am) & Sunday school (11:15 am-Noon)
- Vine deadline

### TUESDAY

Tuesday Spiritual Direction Group (1-3p)

### WEDNESDAY

Wed AM Zoom Bible Study (8:00a)

### THURSDAY

Fall Thursday Bible study (9:30a)  
Service & Outreach Cmte-Zoom (4p)

### SATURDAY

CU Pride Parade (details below)

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

**Thank you to Sarah Augustine for bringing us today's message.** Sarah is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Anabaptist Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery.

**TODAY - Deadline for submissions to the Vine.**

**This 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; we will report for parade line up at the corner of South Gregory and West Illinois streets between 10:15 - 10:45am. Look for more details in the prayer/announcement email this Tuesday.

**Next Sunday, October 2 – FMC will celebrate World Communion & Global Peacemaking Sunday.**

**Next 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>

**Saturday, 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. Thank you to Andrea Welty Peachey and Thom Moore for initiating and helping to organize this event.

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



**Sunday, October 16, 12:30 pm – FMC Fall Picnic at Meadowbrook Park Pavillion (off Race St).**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Lesley Deem & Cynthia Nafziger  
Worship Leader: Pastor Michael; Children's Story: Neta Jackson  
Scripture & Poem Reader: Cindi Schieber  
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Pastor Deb  
Native Flute: Lesley Deem; Piano Prelude: David Horst Lehman  
Sermon: Sarah Augustine  
Sharing: Pastor Deb; Work of the Church: Pastor Michael  
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Randy Nelson  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Megan Cox  
SS Nursery: Taniya & David Horst Lehman  
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Rebecca Bare

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT FMC

*World Communion & Global Peacemaking Sunday*

Greeters: Bob King & Marcia E Nelson  
Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck; Children's Story: Abby Crosby  
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Jan Kellogg  
Scripture: Matthew 5; Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken  
Sermon: & Sharing: Pastor Michael; Work of the Church: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: Mary Krick; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger  
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson  
SS Nursery: Taniya & Doug Malcolm  
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

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