



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 9, 2022

Indigenous People's Sunday

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #59 "Father God, You Are Holy (Ehane he'ama)"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship (*Celtic Prayers from Iona* by J. Philip Newell)

Leader: There is no plant in the ground

People: but tells of your beauty, O Christ.

Leader: There is no creature on the earth, there is no life in the sea

People: but proclaims your goodness.

Leader: There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky, there is nothing beneath the sun

People: but is full of your blessing.

ALL: Lighten my understanding of your presence all around, O Christ. Kindle my will to be caring for Creation.

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

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

*Praising hymn #181 "Creation Is a Song (He'è enemeohe)"

Scripture Leviticus 25:8-17; Deuteronomy 19:14; Luke 4:16-19

Special Music *Each Other's Light*

Sermon

*Response hymn #706 "O Healing River"

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 Pastor Michael*)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending hymn #85 "Heleluyan"

*Benediction

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

TODAY'S VISUAL: *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."*

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 11:15-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 for event details)

TODAY

- Worship 9:15a, followed by Fellowship (until 11:15am) & Sunday school (11:15 am-Noon)
- Spiritual Direction Group (4p)

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (9a)
- Spiritual Direction Group (1p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible study (9:30a)
- Library Committee (1p)

WEDNESDAY

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

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

A warm thanks to Anthony Brown & Phillip De Luna for providing today's prelude and special music.

TODAY – Special offering in support of the Salary Campaign for Sarah Augustine and the Anabaptist Coalition for Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Anabaptist author, scholar and activist Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) woman, has devoted her life to Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Sarah can begin doing this prophetic work full-time with our help and a \$100,000 Challenge Grant from First Mennonite Church of San Francisco. FMC is collecting a special offering to help Sarah do this important work of repair. Please consider donating to our special offering. Give online through our online tith.ly app; select Dropdown box and check "Doctrine of Discovery – Sarah Augustine Salary Campaign" or by check. Please make checks payable to FMC and place "Sarah Augustine salary campaign" in memo line. **Donations to this FMC special offering are due by October 16.**

Next Sunday, October 16:

- During worship – Church Life Sunday.** Please consider volunteering to support a ministry at First Mennonite. Prayerfully consider the various ministries and opportunities alongside your own gifts, interests and availability. Pastors and committees may call on you to serve in some of your areas of interest. FMC Ministry Volunteer Forms (Work of the Church) will be available next Sunday morning; an online version will be sent next Sunday afternoon. **Forms are due by October 23, 2022.**
- FMC All Church Picnic, 12:30 pm at Meadowbrook Park, Urbana.** Meet at the pavilion near the Race St. parking lot. Bring your own picnic lunch and meet with others to fellowship and enjoy the park.

Saturday, October 22, 1 pm at FMC – Memorial service for Carmen Goering.

Sunday, October 30 – FMC Annual Service of Remembrance during worship. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our last Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) with the following information: person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). **Submission Deadline: October 23.**

Saturday, November 5, 3:30-5 pm at FMC – The Spiritual Leadership Team is hosting a panel presentation and Q & A on relationship building for couples of all ages; people who aren't currently in a relationship are also invited to attend. Child care will be provided. Registration link coming soon.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bob King & Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto; Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn
Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey; Piano: Kathy Springer
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael; Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Words of Witness: Rachel & David Horst Lehman
Special Music: Anthony Brown & Phillip De Luna | Offertory: Lesley Deem
Zoom & Sound System: Chuck Gibson
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Karla W. | SS - Taniya B. & Melissa S.
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Greg Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT FMC

Church Life Sunday

Greeters: Denny Seaman & Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Danielle Beard; Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Scripture Reader: Abby Crosby | Scripture: Psalm 133; 1 Chronicles 2:1-69
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael; Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Bharat Patel; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship-Taniya B. & Mary K | SS – Taniya B. & Rachel HL
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

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