



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 30, 2022



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #71

"Praise God (Doxology)"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

Voices Together #866

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

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

*Praising hymn #682

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Scripture

Isaiah 25:1-10; Matthew 27:50-56

Sermon

*Response hymn #353

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Offering prayer

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

Remembering our loved ones (*booklet*)

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 #333

"Low in the Grace He Lay"

*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: *This quilted wall hanging was made for Dave and Neta Jackson by people at Reba Place Fellowship, which has a tradition of making a quilt for any couple getting married. The wall hanging was made for the Jacksons' 25th wedding anniversary. People close to Dave and Neta were given a square of muslin and asked to embroider something personal on it. The squares were then made into a very personal quilt. Neta's younger sister Lois embroidered the scene in the bottom left corner of Carkeek Park on Puget Sound where Dave proposed to Neta! The middle square on the bottom is a replica of the cover of the Jacksons' very first book, *Living Together in a World Falling Apart*.*

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)
- Deadline for Vine submissions

TUESDAY

- Sanctuary reserved (9a-12p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed AM Zoom Bible Study (8:00a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible study (9:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group (3p)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte (5p)

SATURDAY

- Relationship building presentation (3:30p)

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

TODAY

- Discernment Circles after Sunday school.** Small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2022. Active participants who have attended at least six months and are high school age or older are invited to participate in person or over Zoom. There will be child care to allow parents to participate in the circles. A Zoom discernment circle will be held online immediately after worship.
- Articles for the next issue of the Vine are due to Cindi Schieber.**
- Volunteer Work of the Church Forms** (paper and online) due to the church office.

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. Register by this Tuesday, November 1st using the link in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email.

Saturday, November 12, 8am - Noon - FMC Fall Work Day. Come help spruce up our building and grounds. You can sign-up do to a task online (link in Tues. emails). Donuts/bagels and coffee/juice will be provided.

Sunday, November 20 - How have you practiced gratitude in your life? For the worship service on November 20, we are looking for several FMCers who will each share a 3-5 minute reflection on how practicing gratitude/thankfulness has shaped their faith and connection with God. If you have something to share, please contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb.

Sunday, November 20 – Thanksgiving potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. Bring a nut-free dish to share.

Paper copies of the FMC directory, printed annually, are available in the church office. An online version, updated continuously, is available to attendees whose information is included in the online directory. Questions? Contact Rhonda Gibson, our office manager.

Special Music during Advent/Christmas – The Advent Committee invites all ages and levels to offer special music during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. If you would like to offer some special music during this time (Nov. 27-Jan.8), please contact Mary Krick or Pastor Deb.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bob King & Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson; Children's Story: Neta Jackson
Scripture Reader: Scott Bidner
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts & Kathy Springer
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Mary Krick
SS Nursery - Taniya B. & Courtney Malcolm
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT FMC

Greeters: Perry Biddle & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Mary Biddle; Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm
Scripture Reader: Lesley Deem; Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Luke 21:29-33
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Jan Kellogg
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael | Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Andrea Welty Peachey; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship-Taniya B. & Marcia E Nelson | SS – Taniya B. & David HL
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Lynne Sancken

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