



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 15, 2023



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #227 "Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship (*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.*)

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

People: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

Leader: So, with thanks in our hearts,

All: Let us worship God.

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

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

*Praising hymn #131 "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Scripture Psalm 40:1-11 and John 1:29-40

Sermon

*Response hymn #772 "God of Justice"

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 (*please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement*)

*Sending hymn #456 "Oceans"

*Benediction

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

TODAY'S VISUAL: "Don't Ask What the World Needs." *Wait . . . what??? What is your first response to this statement? Does it seem counterintuitive to what we are taught as Christians? (If you're wondering, is that it? Be patient. All will be revealed, a little bit each Sunday.)*

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 and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



WINTER CLASSES (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY):

Adult Classes (upstairs/downstairs)

All Our Grievs to Bear: Sanctuary
Exploring the Power of God's Love Bible Study: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3
Youth (Grades 6-12): Room 13

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

- AV training in the sanctuary (8:30a)
- 38th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Service of Celebration at Krannert (5p)

MONDAY

- Unity Breakfast at Vineyard Church in Urbana (8:30a)
- MLK Walk for Peace at MLK Jr. Park in Urbana (12p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Property & Finance Committee (5:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)

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

This week - Community events in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr are noted above. Additional events are planned through the end of January. Details and more information are available at mlkcelebration.org and diversity.illinois.edu.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Friday, Jan. 20 at Noon, St. Peter's United Church of Christ Chapel (905 S. Russel, C) – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are welcome to join in these 20-minute prayer services. These are ecumenical services so Christians of any denomination are welcome.

This Thursday, January 19, 9:30 am – Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes. The group will begin a study of the minor prophets, using the book "Genesis to Revelation - Minor Prophets" by Gene Tucker. All are welcome to attend.

Next Sunday, January 22 – Noon potluck, followed by the annual FMC congregational business meeting at 1 pm. Please bring a nut-free dish to share; use the checklist cards in the kitchen to note dietary information about your dish. The 2022 Annual Committee Reports & 2023 Proposed Spending Plan were sent via email. Paper copies are also available on the table by the office. Please read the information before the congregational meeting.

The Needham family is returning home with their new son, Benjamin, and would appreciate meals. To help, sign-up using the MealTrain link in the Tuesday email. You will need to create a free account to sign-up; just follow the directions. Please be sure to click the "Review All Instructions" button for detailed drop-off instructions and dietary preferences.

Sunday, January 29 – Submission deadline for the February FMC Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cathy Schneider
Worship Leader: Abby Crosby
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Piano: Pam Peña Martin
Children's Story: Megan Cox
Scripture Reader: Bob King
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Randy Nelson
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Mary Krick; SS - Taniya B. & Rachel HL
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Thom Moore
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Bev Hertle & Mary Hines

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT FMC

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 & Matthew 4:12-23
Greeters: Donna Evans & Keith Springer
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Scripture Reader: Eliza Crosby
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Chuck Gibson; SS - Taniya B. & Doug Malcolm
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