



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 22, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #259 "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

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

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

*Praising hymn #247 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

*Response hymn #538 "Not by Your Might"

Offering prayer

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

Blessing for 2023 Council and Committees (Voices Together #968)

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 #540 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*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. ASK WHAT MAKES YOU COME ALIVE,"

Hm. Doesn't this seem a bit self-centered? Set aside that question for the moment and go ahead, ask yourself: "What makes me feel alive? My work or chosen career? Sports? Hobbies? Travel? Using my skills and talents? Using my spiritual gifts? Spending time with family? Building relationships with others? Learning about other cultures? Or . . .?"

ASK what makes you feel alive. The real YOU.

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

- Potluck meal after Sunday school (12p)
- Annual Congregational meeting (1p)

MONDAY:

- FMC church league volleyball at Brookens Center gym, Urbana (6:50p)

TUESDAY

- Tuesday Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance meeting at FMC (12p)
- Christian Education Committee-Zoom (7:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Lent Committee (11:15a)
- Spiritual Leadership Team (2p)
- Service & Outreach Committee-Zoom (4p)
- Bulletin will be printed on Thursday

FRIDAY

- FMC Office will be closed

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

TODAY – Noon potluck after Sunday school. Our annual congregational meeting follows at 1 pm; all FMC attendees are encouraged to attend. You can join the meeting via the worship Zoom link if you are unable to attend in person. Copies of the relevant documents will be available at the meeting.

The Needham family is home with their new son, Benjamin, and would appreciate meals. Sign-up on the Meal Train link in the Tuesday email.

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

Friday, February 3, 2023 - One Winter Night, an annual event that provides a powerful opportunity for our community to learn about homelessness, build empathy for the people we serve, and help support the mission of CU at Home. Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn will represent FMC again this year. Last year our FMC team raised \$4,344 to support CU at Home. Donate on our team's fundraising page: tinyurl.com/OneWinterNight2023 .

Friday, February 3, 5:30 pm at Sinai Temple (3104 Windsor Rd, Champaign) - There will be a special musical Shabbat service & meal, featuring Pete "Afro D" Shungu and Global Soundwaves. The dinner will be at 6:45pm. Cost for dinner is \$8/person at the door (no household paying more than \$30). RSVPs are needed for dinner; please RSVP by Wednesday, February 1 by calling the Sinai Temple office at: 217-352-8140.

Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for its members. Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$1,000-\$3,000 for the coming academic year. Application deadline: February 28. Visit www.everence.com/scholarships for more information.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Thom Moore
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Bev Hertle & Mary Hines

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AT FMC

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12
Greeters: Donna Evans & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader: Bob King; Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey; Piano: Janet MacLean
Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Chuck Gibson; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Megan Cox; SS - Taniya B. & David HL
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