



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

February 12, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

\*Gathering hymn #29 "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship **Voices Together #853**

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

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

\*Praising hymn #419 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon

\*Response hymn #150 "Gentle God, When We Are Driven"

Offering prayer

**Offertory** (*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 #545 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*Benediction

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\*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, AND GO DO IT! BECAUSE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS IS PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME ALIVE." This quote (attributed to Howard Thurman, a Christian mystic and theologian who was very influential to Dr. Martin Luther King) is very popular with a lot of people for a variety of reasons. What do you think the author is trying to say? How does this quote speak to you? What does this quote mean to you as a Christian?

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 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### MONDAY

- FMC library reserved (4-5p)
- FMC church league volleyball at Brookens Center gym, Urbana (7p)

### TUESDAY

- Tues. Spiritual Direction Group at FMC (1:30p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at FMC (8a)
- Facilities Committee-Hybrid (5:30p)

### THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Worship Committee at FMC (11:30a)
- Hospitality Committee at FMC (3p)
- Planning Dinner/meeting for IL Relief Sale, 1<sup>st</sup> Menn.of Morton (6:30p)  
(details in Tuesday email announcements)

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

**This Week: Pastor Deb is back in the office on Tuesday. Pastor Michael will be out of the office this Thursday – next Sunday, February 19.**

**Next Sunday, February 19 during worship – Special music and a Litany of Thanks for Black History Month.**

**Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 pm at FMC – Ash Wednesday service of song, readings and imposition of ashes.**

**Sunday, February 26 during worship**

- **Communion will be served and we will take a special offering to help replenish our FMC Mutual Aid Fund.** This above budget reserve helps FMCers with specific needs such as: medical care, emergency housing, etc. The Spiritual Leadership Team prayerfully distributes the funds as they learn of needs, and anyone is welcome to contact SLT members with needs of their own or of which they have become aware.
- **Deadline for March Vine submissions.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

**Saturday, March 4, 8:45a-2p at FMC - Central District Conference (CDC) Mid-Year Gathering.** CDC congregations are invited to come together in person or via Zoom to focus on the theme: "Disability Theology and Accessibility Resolution". Hear stories about how congregations are paying attention to God's call. Talk together about exciting things happening in the conference. More information and to register, see the Tuesday email. Registration deadline: Feb. 24.

**Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. You can donate to this effort at: [mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake) or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" directly to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Cynthia Nafziger  
Worship Leader: Mary Biddle  
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts  
Children's Story: John MacLean  
Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie  
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael  
Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson  
Worship Nursery: Taniya B. & Rebecca Bare  
Sunday school Nursery - Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu  
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Chuck Gibson  
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson  
Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E Nelson

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT FMC

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 & Matthew 5:38-48  
Greeters: Dave & Neta Jackson  
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto  
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller  
Piano: Pam Peña-Martin; Trumpet: Pete Shungu  
Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm  
Scripture Reader: Kathy Springer  
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: Mary Krick; Audio: Laurence Koehn  
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Sheryl Dyck; SS - Taniya B. & Pete Shungu  
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Mary Krick  
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson  
Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

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