



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 19, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #28 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship Voices Together #877

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

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

*Praising hymn #813 "Heart with Loving Heart United"

Scripture Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

*Response hymn #827 "Move in Our Midst"

Offering prayer

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

Black Love Litany

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 #803 "We Shall Overcome"

*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, 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.

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)

MONDAY

- FMC church league volleyball at Brookens Center gym, Urbana (8p)

TUESDAY

- FMC sanctuary reserved (9a-12p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at FMC (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance Mtg, (12p)
- Ash Wednesday Service at FMC (6:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Service & Outreach Cmte-Zoom (4p)
- Spiritual Leadership Team at FMC (6p)
- Christian Ed Cmte-Zoom (7:30p)

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

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

Spanish and English copies of the Mennonite Lent at Home 2023 guide are on the table near the FMC office. The guide weaves weekly and daily Scriptures with worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for the season of Lent.

Next 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.

We are renewing our group subscription to Anabaptist World. The cost is \$39 for the next subscription year. The subscription gives access to both the printed and full digital versions of the magazine. Please let the church office know by Wednesday, February 22 whether you wish to join our group subscription.

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". Registration deadline: Feb. 24.

Saturday, March 11, 10 am – 3 pm, Illinois Conference churches are invited to gather at Sonido de Alabanza (5540 W. 25th St, Cicero, IL) for IMC's annual assembly. Registration information is still forthcoming from IMC. Contact Pastor Michael if you wish to serve as a FMC delegate.

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. Donate to this effort at: 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: 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; Litany: Janet E. Guthrie & Pete S.
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick; Audio: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Chuck Gibson; SS - Taniya B. & Pete S.
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Mary Krick
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT FMC (Communion & Special Offering)

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 & Matthew 4:1-11
Greeters: Dave & Neta Jackson
Worship Leader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Andrea Welty-Peachey; Piano: Janet MacLean
Children's Story: Donna Evans & Phil Marten
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Sheryl Dyck; SS - Taniya B. & Rachel HL
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Mary Krick
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Refreshments: Donna Evans & Bev Hertle

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