



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 5, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #800 "With My Voice Alone"

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 #715 "Longing for Light"

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

*Response hymn #504 "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

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 #297 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

*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 . . ." *Oh. We're back to what the world needs. What do you think the world needs? You're part of the world, what do you need? Does that relate in any way to what makes you feel alive? Why or why not?*

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)

Pastor Deb is out of the office through Feb. 13.

Please contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care concerns.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- FMC sanctuary reserved in the morning (9a-12p)
- Anabaptist Scripture Project Group, in library (12p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Church Council in library (6:30p)

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Game Day, FMC fellowship hall (3p)

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

Displays of new books and books celebrating Black History month are in the foyer of the church. The Library Committee invites you to take a look!

This Saturday, February 11 at FMC - Game Day. Come from 3-5 pm for games and stay for pizza at 5 pm if you wish. Games for small and tall. Games of words, luck, strategy, dexterity, giggles, twists and turns. Contact Marcia with any questions.

FMC Volunteers Needed:

- Worship nursery workers - It would be helpful to have a few more volunteers on the list. People rotate through approximately every 6 weeks. Safe church clearance is required; talk with Pastor Michael to become safe church cleared. Contact the office to be added to the volunteer list.
- Refreshment servers during fellowship time - Two volunteers are scheduled each Sunday. Simple instructions are in the kitchen. Volunteers are scheduled when the quarterly service list is made. As with other roles, people can trade with others as needed. People WILL NOT be scheduled more than once per quarter. If there are not enough people to fill out a quarter, there may be some Sundays when refreshments will not be served during fellowship time. Sign-up on the list in the church basement or at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FMC-Refreshment-Volunteers>

Thanks to all who donated our One Winter Night team. Donations are still being accepted at: <https://tinyurl.com/OneWinterNight2023>.

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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Cynthia Nafziger
Worship Leader: Keith Springer
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Piano: Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Neta Jackson
Scripture Reader: Emerson Nafziger
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery - Taniya B. & Karla Woodson;
SS Nursery - Taniya B. & Courtney Malcolm
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Keith Springer
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Mary Krick & Mary Hines

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT FMC

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37
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
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Rebecca Bare; SS - Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Keith Springer
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E Nelson

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