



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 29, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #1 "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship *(Written by Beth Merrill Neel, used with permission.)*

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

ALL: Thank you all; thank you, God.

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

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

*Praising hymn #43 "God, Be the Love"

Scripture Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Anointing⁺

**Anyone who chooses is invited to receive a water anointing as a blessing to "go and do what makes you come alive."*

*Response hymn #458 "The Water is Ready"

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 #816 "Guide My Feet"

*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 THAT! BECAUSE... *Are you doing what makes you feel alive? If not, why not? What would it take to do it? If you are, in what way does doing what makes you feel alive contribute to your spiritual life? In what way does doing what makes you feel alive grow out of your relationship with God?*

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

- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group 4p
- Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber

MONDAY

- FMC church league volleyball at Brookens Center gym, Urbana (7p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Library Committee (1p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)

FRIDAY

- One Winter Night-downtown Champaign (all night)
- Shabbat service & dinner at Sinai Temple (5:30p)

SATURDAY

- Doctors Without Borders Fundraising dinner at Wilmer Otto's (6:30p)

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

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

Needed – Volunteers to be on the fellowship hour refreshment server rotation. The sign-up sheets are downstairs.

Pastor Deb will be out of the office Monday, January 30 - February 13. Please contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care concerns.

This Friday, February 3, 2023 - One Winter Night, an annual event that educates our community about homelessness and helps support the mission of CU at Home. Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn will represent FMC again this year. Donate online at: <https://tinyurl.com/OneWinterNight2023>.

This 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.

This Saturday, February 4, 6:30 pm in Arcola – Wilmer Otto is hosting a fundraising dinner to benefit Doctors Without Borders. There is seating for 50 for this authentic multi-course Afghan dinner (suggested donation of \$100/person to be paid at the dinner). RSVP to Wilmer's email.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Donna Evans & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader: Bob King
Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey
Musicians: Janet MacLean, Danielle Beard, Pastor Deb, Andrea WP
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Claire Miller
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Chuck Gibson; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Megan Cox; SS - Taniya B. & David HL
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Thom Moore
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Bev Hertle & Mary Hines

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT FMC

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20
Greeters: Bev Hertle & Cynthia Nafziger
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto
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
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Karla Woodson; SS - Taniya B. & Courtney Malcolm
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Keith Springer
Visuals: Donna Evans & Neta Jackson
Refreshments: Volunteers needed

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