

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. Parents, please assist your children during snack time. Education opportunities for all ages are held from 11:15a-12p. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

ADULT CLASSES (upstairs and downstairs)

Sing and Explore the Hymnal: Sanctuary
Reconcile-Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians: 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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 26) AT FMC:

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Kate Falk & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Sam Cox
Children's Story: Donna Evans & Bev Hertle
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Kathy Springer
Flute: Rachel Horst Lehman, Danielle Beard, Mary Krick
Cello: David Horst Lehman
Scripture Reader: John MacLean
Meditation & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Rebecca Bare
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Doug Malcolm
Stewards: Randy Nelson & Cynthia Nafziger
Refreshments: Bruce Miller & Courtney Malcolm

Lent 5: *Called to Life*
Scripture: Ezekiel 37:11-14; Psalm 130; John 11:1-45
Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Kate Falk & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's Story: Donna Evans & Mary Biddle
Scripture Reader: Claire Miller
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Sheryl Dyck
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Randy Nelson & Cynthia Nafziger
Refreshments: Chuck Gibson & John MacLean



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking a Just Peace.

March 19, 2023

Lent 4: Called to the Light



Adrian S., Artist

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

902 W Springfield Ave | Urbana, IL 61801-3021 | 217.367.5353 | www.fmc-cu.org

Contact Us:

Pastor Michael Crosby: michael.crosby@fmc-cu.org | Associate Pastor Debra Sutter: debra.sutter@fmc-cu.org
Rhonda Gibson, Office Administrator: office@fmc-cu.org | Office Hours: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

Celebration of Worship



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn (Taizé #28) “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (based on Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: **We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

People: **We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

People: **We shall not want.**

ALL: Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of your presence.

Children’s story and offering for Randolph Street Community Gardens

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

Scripture Psalm 23

*Hymn #660 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Scripture 1 Samuel 16:1-4, 13

*Hymn (Taizé #40) “Holy Spirit, Loving Spirit”

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness, and we walk in deep shadows.

We have driven back justice.

Truth has stumbled in the streets, and thick darkness is over the people.

We confess our sinful deeds.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible,

we walk from darkness into light.

ALL: Open our eyes, Jesus, that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.

Scripture

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Hymn (Taizé #36)

“The Lord is My Light”

Scripture

John 9:1-11 (excerpts)

*Hymn (Taizé #37)

“Within Our Darkest Night”

Scripture

John 9:26-41 (excerpts)

*Hymn #271

“Christ, You Are Light”

Meditation

*Response Hymn #808

“Between Darkness and Light”

Offering (offerings can be placed in the offerings plates as the ushers come by to your row)

Offertory

Come Away from Rush and Hurry (from Voices Together #9)

Prayer

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/email prayer to the pastor leading sharing)

Prayer for Indigenous Justice for Oak Flats (also see back page of announcements)

*Hymn of Prayer (Taizé #20)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (first line only)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement)

*Sending Hymn (Taizé #20)

“The Lord is My Song” (second line only)

*Benediction

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

People: **and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

ALL: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.

Visuals: The ribbons around the candle are layered in different colors; each color symbolizes a different theme each Sunday. The red ribbon (Lent 1) symbolizes testing, the orange ribbon (Lent 2) symbolizes new birth (sunrise/new day), the blue ribbon (Lent 3) symbolizes water, and today’s yellow ribbon (Lent 4) symbolizes light.

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.