



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration *of* Worship

April 16, 2023

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**\*Gathering hymn #111** "Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)"

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to Worship** Voices Together #851

**Children's story and offering for Randolph St. Community Gardens**

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

**\*Praising hymn #125** "Shout to the Lord (Cante al Señor)"

**Scripture** Matthew 28:16-20; Colossians 1:15-23

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #771** "We Have Been Sent by God (Enviados somos de Dios)"

**Offering prayer**

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

**New Driver Blessing**

**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 #832** "The Lord Lift You Up"

**\*Benediction**

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

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. 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 THROUGH MAY (upstairs/downstairs)

Sing and Explore the Hymnal: Sanctuary | Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians: Library | Coffee & Conversation: Downstairs, Rm 5

## 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)

### TODAY

- FMC Martyrs Co-ed Softball practice at Jones Field, Savoy (3p)  
*All interested people 15 years and older are invited to play!*

### MONDAY

- Retreat Committee, FMC nursery (9a)

### TUESDAY

- Games & Gab at home of Phyllis Croisant (1p)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Christian Education Cmte, FMC library (6:30p)

### FRIDAY

- Pastor Michael is out of the office

### SATURDAY

- MennoNite at holiday Inn-prior registration required (5:30p)

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

**TODAY – Deadline for registering to attend MennoNite, to be held this Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn in Champaign.** Signup today using <https://tinyurl.com/MennoNite49>.

**TODAY through Wednesday, April 26 – Help encourage our college undergraduates as they enter Spring finals.** The Christian Education Committee has a card for each student in the FMC library for you to write a note of encouragement. The cards are on the tables near the fireplace.

**This Tuesday, April 18, 1-4 pm at the home of Phyllis Croisant - Games and Gab.** All interested adults are invited to a time of games, snacks, and conversation. Bring your favorite board/card game and a snack to share. Email Phyllis by tomorrow if you plan to attend.

**Saturday, April 22 - Work Day at Camp Menno Haven. Come for a time of fellowship, working, helping, and eating together!** For details and to register, visit: [www.mennohaven.com/work-day](http://www.mennohaven.com/work-day).

**Sunday, April 30 - Deadline for May Vine submissions.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber. The Vine is intended for use within First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana. All issues are made available in print (copies at the church) and by email (downloadable PDF). The Vine is no longer accessible on our website. If you submit an article or photograph that contains personal stories or identifying information, please obtain prior permission from those who are named. General photos of FMC events are not captioned with names and do not need permission to use.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Sam Cox & Karen McKenzie  
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson  
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis  
Piano: Pam Peña-Martin  
Children's Story: Bruce Miller  
Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken  
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael  
Zoom: Phil Martens; Audio: Laurence Koehn  
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Tom Sutter; SS - Taniya B. & David HL  
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King  
Visuals: Worship Committee  
Refreshments: Marcia & Randy Nelson

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT FMC

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 & Acts 10:1-48  
Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Biddle  
Worship Leader: Keith Springer  
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; Piano: Janet MacLean  
Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm  
Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie  
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb  
Zoom: John MacLean; Audio: Emerson Nafziger  
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Abby Crosby; SS - Taniya B. & Doug Malcolm  
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tom Sutter  
Visuals: Worship Committee  
Refreshments: Peter Dyck & Bev Hertle

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