



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration *of* Worship

April 23, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #23** "Come, Walk with Us"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

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

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

***Praising hymn #61** "You Are Holy, You Are Whole"

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 & Acts 10:1-48

Sermon

***Response hymn #809** "Sing a New World into Being"

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

Earth Day Moment

(Song Chorus) Styrofoam, HERE's your home, THIS is where you belong.

YOU deliver; we'll recycle, THIS is home, for Styrofoam.

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

***Sending hymn #810** "Go, My Friends, in Grace"

***Benediction**

*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.

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, #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 for event details)

TODAY

- Spiritual Direction Group, FMC library (4p)
- FMC Martyrs Co-ed Softball game, Dodds Park in C., Field 5 (8p)

TUESDAY

- Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at FMC (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance, 1st Presbyterian Church, Champaign (12p)
All are welcome to attend!

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study (9:30a)
- Service & Outreach Cmte-Zoom (4p)

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

TODAY through Wednesday – 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.

Next 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.

Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 am - Noon - FMC Spring Work Day. Come help us spruce up the church grounds. Help is needed with both indoor and outdoor tasks.

Sunday, May 14 during worship at FMC - Celebration of our graduates. We will offer a blessing for all graduates (middle school and older) during worship. During fellowship time we will have special refreshments in honor of the graduates as well as all those who mother (it is also Mother's Day).

Monday, May 1 at FMC – Memorial Service for Jean Breeze, sister of Clark Breeze. A visitation will be held from 12pm – 2 pm. The memorial service will begin at 2:30 pm, followed by a meal in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Keith Springer
Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey
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 M.
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tom Sutter
Visuals: Worship Committee
Refreshments: Peter Dyck & Mary Hines

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AT FMC

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:1-10
Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Biddle
Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson
Song Leader: Pastor Deb; Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Rebecca Bare; SS - Taniya B. & Melissa S.
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tom Sutter
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments: Donna & Mark Evans

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