



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

April 30, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #9 "Come Away, from Rush and Hurry"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship *(from Voices Together #9)*

Leader: Come away from the rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace

People: from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.

Leader: Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace.

People: come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

Leader: In the pastures of God's goodness, we lie down to rest our soul.

People: from the waters of God's mercy, we drink deeply are made whole.

Leader: At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.

ALL: With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

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

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

*Praising hymn #640 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Scripture

Psalm 23 & John 10:1-10

Sermon

*Response hymn #718 "Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"

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 #849 "We, Your People, Sing Your Praises"

*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: Rm 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

- FMC Martyrs Co-ed Softball game, Dodds Park in C., Field 5 (7p)
- Deadline to submit Vine articles

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at FMC (8a)

THURSDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)
- Spiritual Direction Group-Hybrid (6:30p)

SATURDAY

- FMC Spring Work Day (8:30a-12p)

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

TODAY - Deadline for May Vine submissions. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Tomorrow, 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 light meal in the fellowship hall. If you are can, please park in the CIMIC parking lot off of S. Busey Avenue (behind the mosque to allow others attending the service to park in our lot.

This Friday, May 5 – Pastor Deb will be out of the office.

Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 am - Noon - FMC Spring Work Day. Help us spruce up the church grounds. Donuts/bagels and coffee/tea are provided. Review and sign up for planned tasks (indoor and outdoor) and needed tools using the signup downstairs. Sign-up is not required, but it helps to know if you are coming and what tasks and/or tools you can contribute. Questions? Contact Facilities Committee Chair Phil Martens.

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).

New at FMC - Sunday Morning Styrofoam Recycling. A labeled tote will be outside near the back door on Sundays. Place clean dry Styrofoam into the tote (do not bag the Styrofoam). What types of Styrofoam are acceptable? An information sheet is available on the communications table near the office.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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;
Sunday School - Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tom Sutter
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments: Donna & Mark Evans

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT FMC

Scripture: Romans 1:1-17; Matthew 9:9-13
Greeters: Bob King & Rhonda Gibson
Worship Leader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Rudy Moyet-Litwiller; Piano: Phyllis Croisant
Children's Story: Marcia E Nelson
Scripture Reader: Dave Jackson
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Audio: Randy Nelson
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Courtney Malcolm; SS - Taniya B. & Doug Malcolm
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments: Sam & Megan Cox

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