



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration *of* Worship

May 7, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #563** "Come, Thou Fount"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship Voices Together #879

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

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

***Praising hymn #283** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Scripture Romans 1:1-17; Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon

***Response hymn #282** "Come and See"

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 #556** "I Bind My Heart This Tide"

***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 (6p)

TUESDAY

- ADA Report Follow-up Group (12:30p)
- Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)
- Worship Committee (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at FMC (8a)
- FMC Council, library (6:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Anabaptist 500 Bible Study Group (9:30a)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte-Zoom (3p)

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

Thanks to everyone who helped with the FMC Work Day yesterday!

Next 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 (for Mother's Day).

Thursday, May 18, 5:30 pm at FMC - 3rd Thursday Tacos. The Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) is piloting a new fellowship opportunity, *3rd Thursday Tacos*. Come for fellowship and a taco dinner, provided by SLT. All are welcome to attend, but an RSVP is requested in order to plan for the meal. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 14 at: <https://tinyurl.com/TacoThurs3rd>.

Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 am - Joint worship service with Church of the Brethren at the Randolph St. Community Garden (1001 N Randolph St, C - just north of Stratton School). Worship will not be livestreamed. There will not be refreshments or Sunday school.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, September 1 - Sunday, September 3 for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven (Tiskilwa, IL). The theme of this retreat is "This is the Day!", based on Psalm 118. Plan to come for a weekend of relaxation, worship, fellowship and renewal on the beautiful grounds (231 acres) of Menno Haven. The retreat committee is hard at work planning worship and also activities for all ages. Meals will be provided Saturday morning - Sunday lunch. As in past retreats, FMC is offering discounts to help subsidize the cost. Look for details and registration information beginning in June.

Saturday, June 17 from 10 am - 3 pm at FMC - Meditative Retreat led by Nicole Anderson-Cobb. By way of gathering, prayer, silence, movement, reflection, creative exercises and group sharing, this guided retreat will offer participants an opportunity to pray and reflect on the year so far and set their intentions for spiritual renewal during the Summer of 2023. Space will be limited. Look for additional information and a registration link in the next few weeks.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bob King & Rhonda Gibson
Worship Leader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Pastor Deb; Piano: Phyllis Croisant
Children's Story: Marcia E Nelson
Scripture Reader: Dave Jackson
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; Audio: Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Taniya B. & Chuck Gibson
SS Nursery - Taniya B. & Marcia E Nelson
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments: Sam & Megan Cox

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14 AT FMC

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 11:28-30
Greeters: Bob King & Rhonda Gibson
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; Piano: Andrea Welty Peachey
Children's Story: Neta Jackson
Scripture Reader: Bev Hertle
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; Audio: Bruce Miller
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Sheryl Dyck; SS - Taniya B. & Pete Shungu
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments: Martha Moore & Sarah Little

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