



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration *of* Worship

June 11, 2023

*Seeking Justice Together*

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**\*Gathering hymn #793** "Siyahamba (We Are Marching)"

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 125 Common English Bible translation*)

One: The people who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion:

**Many: never shaken, lasting forever.**

One: Mountains surround Jerusalem. That's how the Lord surrounds God's people

**Many: from now until forever from now!**

One: Come, let us worship our God who gathers everyone in.

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

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

**Menno Mugging for the Horst Lehman family**

**\*Praising hymn #77** "Laudate Dominum"

**Scripture** James 1:27-2:8, 14-17

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #11** "Mountain of God"

**Offering prayer**

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

**Menno Mugging for the Welty Peachey family**

**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 #812** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**\*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 in room 10/11. Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

At 11:15 am - Stay after fellowship for our summer all-church Sunday school which continues today's worship theme. There will be opportunities for active learning, prayer and conversation related to today's story. All ages are invited to participate together. The Coffee & Conversation Class will continue to meet and will be invited to discuss the questions posed each week.



## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit [www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- FMC softball at Dodds Park, Field 7 (6p)

### TUESDAY

- Games & Gab (1p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Facilities Committee (5p)
- FMC Council (6:30p)

### THURSDAY

- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee-Zoom (3p)
- Taco Thursday (5:30p)

### SATURDAY

- Meditative Retreat at FMC – by reservation (10a-3p)

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



Karen McKenzie would appreciate some meals as she recovers from surgery. To help, signup at <https://tinyurl.com/Meals4Karen> or use this QR code.

### Next Sunday, June 18:

- We will serve communion during the worship service.
- In addition to the regular offering, we will collect a special offering to benefit our FMC Mutual Aid Fund.
- At 12:30 pm – FMC potluck picnic at Hessel Park in celebration of Father's Day. Bring a nut-free dish to share, your table service, lawn chairs and games. Drinks will be provided. Look for us in one of the small shelters. The picnic will take place in the FMC fellowship hall in the event of rain.

**Share a word of witness in worship on June 25th.** Inspired by the story of Esther, we are inviting 5-minute reflections on one of these prompts: (1) Tell about a time when you or someone you know spoke truth to power. (2) Have you found yourself questioning what God was doing, only to look back on a situation later and see how God was present and active? (3) Esther is about power -- abused, shared, and used wisely. What power do you have and how does God call you to use it?

**Next deadline for FMC Vine – June 25.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

**This Tuesday, June 13 , 1-4 pm at the home of Rosalee Otto - Games & Gab (for adults).** Bring your favorite board or card games and a snack to share. RSVP by tomorrow so we know how many folks to expect. Contact Phyllis Croissant to RSVP.

**This Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 pm - Taco Thursday** in the FMC Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring a topping to share, please feel free to do so.

**Every Thursday, beginning June 29, from 6:30 - 8 pm - The Beloved Community Bible Study & Book Discussion.** Come attend this 20 week study, to be taught by Pastor Michael and Rev. Terrance Thomas of Bethel AME. The first session will be held at Bethel AME Church (401 E Park St. C).

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Denny & Nancy Seaman  
**Worship Leader:** Martha Moore  
**Piano:** Cheryl Koranda; **Flute:** Danielle Beard  
**Song Leader:** Andrea Welty Peachey  
**Children's Story:** Lesley Deem  
**Scripture Reader:** Amber Anderson  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens; **AV:** Bruce Miller  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya B. & Megan Cox  
**Stewards:** Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger  
**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken  
**Refreshments:** Donna & Mark Evans

## NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 18 AT FMC

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Donna Evans  
**Worship Leader:** Earl Kellogg  
**Piano:** Cheryl Koranda  
**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller  
**Children's Story:** Lynne Sancken  
**Scripture Reader:** Cindi Schieber  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** John MacLean; **AV:** Randy Nelson  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya B. & Chuck Gibson  
**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Greg Sancken  
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