



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration *of* Worship

June 25, 2023

Seeking Justice Together

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #11** "Mountain of God"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

One: What does the Lord require?

Many: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: So...be strong! Be courageous! Do not be frightened or dismayed.

ALL: For the Lord our God is with us.

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

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

***Praising hymn #131** "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Scripture Esther 4:1-17

Words of Witness Bev Hertle, Doug Malcolm and Wilmer Otto

***Response hymn #716** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Offering prayer

Offertory (*Offerings can be placed in the plates as the ushers come by.*)

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**

*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 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 for event details)

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| TODAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ FMC softball at Dodds Park, Field 7 (7p)▪ Deadline for submissions for July Vine | WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Zoom Bible Study (8a)▪ Interfaith Alliance at Sinai Temple (12p) | THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Beloved Community Bible Study at Bethel AME (6:30p) |
| TUESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ FMC Library Committee (1p) | | |

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

Pastor Deb is out of the office through July 6. Please contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

Today - Deadline for FMC July Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

This Friday – Rhonda is out of the office. Please send announcements, hymn selections and other bulletin information to the office by 9 am this Thursday (June 29).

Karen McKenzie would appreciate a few more meals as she continues to recover from surgery. To provide a meal, please sign up online using our Signup Genius link.

Beginning this Thursday 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. This first session will be held at Bethel AME Church (401 E Park St. C).

Next Sunday, July 2 during worship – Maiga Muga will share words of witness about his time at Hungry World Farm through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program and Scott Litwiller from Hungry World Farm will present information about the mission of the farm, located in Tiskilwa, IL.

Attention parents and children - On July 9, 16 and 23, FMC children are invited to remain in the room where children's snacks are served to sing together in preparation for singing during the worship service on July 30.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Rosalee Otto & Donna Evans
Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Pam Peña-Martin
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Children's Story: Abby Crosby
Scripture Reader: Dave Jackson
Words of Witness: Bev Hertle, Doug Malcolm, Wilmer Otto
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; **AV:** Phil Martens
Worship Nursery: Sheryl Dyck & Karla Woodson
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Greg Sancken
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Tina Huang & Dave Schrag

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2 AT FMC

Greeters: Sam Cox & Chuck Gibson
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto
Piano: Kathy Springer
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Children's Story: Bruce Miller
Scripture Reader: Kathy Springer; **Scripture:** Leviticus 25
Guest speaker: Scott Litwiller, Hungry World Farm
Words of Witness: Maiga Muga
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **AV:** Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Rebecca Bare
Stewards: Randy Nelson & Denny Seaman
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: John & Janet MacLean

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