



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 4, 2023

Seeking Justice Together

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #11 "Mountain of God"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 19:1-6*)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Many: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

One: Come, let us join our praise with the heavens and all of creation as we worship our God.

*Gathering hymn #428 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

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

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

*Praising hymn #42 "Could It Be That God Is Singing"

Scripture Luke 4:14-30

Sermon

*Response hymn #38 "Life-Giver, Maker, God of All"

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 Deb*)

Introduction of visitors

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

*Sending hymn #846 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*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)

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (3:15p)

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

Pastor Michael will be back in the office on Tuesday.

Beginning today – Sunday, July 23 - Our worship and Sunday school theme will be "Seeking Justice Together". Each Sunday will highlight scripture related to the theme and Sunday school will provide opportunities for active learning, prayer and conversation related to the 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.

This Saturday, June 10 at 6 pm - All are invited to a music event on Keith and Kathy Springer's farm. Music by *Hopedale Road* (folk, blues, country, oldies). Bring your chairs, family, friends, and whatever you'd like to eat and drink while listening to music performed on the Springers' barn stage.

Sunday, June 18 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.

The book of Esther is full of inspiration, from Queen Vashti's refusal to be objectified, to Esther's fierce and smart advocacy for her people, to God's behind-the-scenes presence in bringing about deliverance. Has your faith connected with these stories or does the book bring to mind events in your own life? If so, we're looking for 3 FMCers willing to give a 5-minute word of witness in worship on June 25. Contact Pastors Michael or Deb if you're interested or have questions.

FMC Scholarship Funds needed - First Mennonite Church maintains a fund designated for First Mennonite Church attendees who are enrolled at a Mennonite college. Our scholarship of \$1000/year is often matched by the institution. We currently have one student enrolled at a Mennonite college and still need a few hundred dollars for the August payment. If you wish to donate, funds should be earmarked for the FMC College Scholarship Fund.

The FMC Fall All-Church Retreat registration begins today. An email with a link to the registration form and FAQ will be sent later this morning. A paper registration form and FAQ are available in the foyer (return form to the office). Questions about registration? Contact Rhonda Gibson in the church office.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Denny & Nancy Seaman

Worship Leader: Peter Dyck

Piano: Janet MacLean

Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey

Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm

Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom & AV: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Taniya B. & Tom Sutter

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Mary Biddle & Mary Krick

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11 AT FMC

Greeters: Denny & Nancy Seaman

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Song Leader: TBA

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

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