



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

July 16, 2023

*Seeking Justice Together*

Centering chimes

Prelude

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

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 19:7–14*)

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**Many: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb.**

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

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

\*Praising hymn #86 "You Are Exalted"

Scripture Mark 11:15-18

Sermon

\*Response hymn #146 "Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn"

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 #837 "Lead Me Forth"

\*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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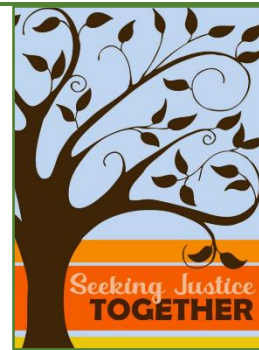
Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

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, Field 5 (6p)

### MONDAY

- Retreat Committee-Zoom (9a)

### TUESDAY

- Sanctuary reserved for private event (9:30a-1p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Christian Education Committee (6:30p)

### THURSDAY

- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee-Zoom (3p)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Taco Dinner at FMC (5:30p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

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

Today and next Sunday after children's snack - 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.

Please let Pastor Deb know if you are interested in being part of the Worship Band during our July 30 Sunday morning service.

This Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Tacos at FMC. Come to FMC for fellowship and a taco dinner. Corn and flour tortillas and meat (and vegetarian alternative) will be provided. Although not required, you are invited to bring a topping to share. All are welcome to attend, but RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 at: <https://tinyurl.com/July20TacoNight> so that we can plan for the meat and tortillas. Small donations to help defray the cost are welcomed at the event (but are not required).

Registration for our FMC All-Church Retreat (September 1 – 3) is open. Register online (<https://tinyurl.com/2023FMCretreat>) or fill out a paper form, which can be found in the church foyer near the office. Registration deadline: August 1. Late registration fee after August 1. Final registration deadline: August 15.

Monday, July 31 at 6 pm - Women's Night Out! We will meet for dinner in the garden of Phyllis Croissant's home (1506 Waverly Drive, Champaign). We will order out - so bring nothing, walk away from the everyday, and join us for a meal and conversation. RSVP to Phyllis.

Sunday, July 30 – Deadline for August Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Kate Falk & Bev Hertle  
**Worship Leader:** Marcia E Nelson  
**Piano:** Pastor Deb  
**Song Leader:** Bev Birkey Potts  
**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare  
**Scripture Reader:** Bev Hertle  
**Scripture:** Mark 11:15-18  
**Sermon:** Pastor Michael; **Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens  
**AV:** Randy Nelson  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Courtney Malcolm  
**Stewards:** Randy Nelson & Lynne Sancken  
**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken  
**Refreshments:** Karla Woodson & Mary Hines

### NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23 AT FMC

**Greeters:** Dave & Neta Jackson  
**Worship Leader:** Sheryl Dyck  
**Piano:** Janet MacLean  
**Song Leader:** Pastor Deb  
**Children's Story:** Neta Jackson  
**Scripture Reader:** John MacLean  
**Scripture:** Luke 18:1-8  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** John MacLean  
**AV:** Bruce Miller  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Mary Hines  
**Stewards:** Randy Nelson & Perry Biddle  
**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken  
**Refreshments:** Denny & Nancy Seaman

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