



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 9, 2023

Seeking Justice Together

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #563 "Come, Thou Fount"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

One: What is true happiness?

Many: The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

One: That's why all the faithful should pray to you, O God, during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

You are our secret hideout! You protect us from trouble! You surround us with songs of rescue!

Many: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad! All whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

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

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

*Praising hymn #11 "The Mountain of God"

Scripture Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 and Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

*Response hymn #161 "I Sought the Lord"

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 Deb)

Introduction of visitors

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

*Sending hymn #540 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*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, Field 5 (6p)

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)

TUESDAY

- FMC 60th Anniversary Cmte (9a)
- Tue. Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Facilities Committee Mtg (5p)

THURSDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group=Zoom (3p)
- Spiritual Leadership Team (3:15p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

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

Today 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. Rehearsal will also occur July 16 and 23 after snack.

Registration for our FMC All-Church Retreat 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. We will order out - so bring nothing, walk away from the everyday, and join us for a meal and conversation. RSVP to Phyllis.

Save the Date – Sunday, September 17 at 5 pm. Council will host a church-wide brainstorming dialogue about the future of our apartment building. Read the lead article in the July Vine for detailed information.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Sam Cox & Rhonda Gibson

Worship Leader: Keith Springer

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Earl Kellogg

Scripture Readers: Diana Black, Eliza Crosby, Kathy Springer

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 and Luke 19:1-10

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom & AV: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Abby Crosby

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Denny Seaman

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16 AT FMC

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: Mark Evans

Scripture: Mark 11:15-18

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

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

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