



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 13, 2023

Accessibility & Disability Justice

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #28 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship Voices Together Hymnal #1050

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

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

Backpack Blessing

Congregational Prayer of Response: "Lord God, hold us and our prayers."

*Praising hymn #297 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

Scripture Luke 13:18-30

Sermon

*Response hymn #377 "New Earth, Heavens New"

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 #809 "Sing a New World into Being"

*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.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

- No Sunday school

WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible study summer brunch at Deb's (9:30a)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee-Zoom (3p)
- 3rd Thursday Taco Night (5:30p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

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

Rhonda is out of the office this week.

Today:

- Join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service. There will not be Sunday school.
- Later this morning, a small delegation from FMC is visiting Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria for a meal and worship.

Please look on the Lost and Found tables downstairs to see if you have any items that need to go home with you. Jan Kellogg has also donated boxes of piano music for anyone to take. The boxes are also on the Lost and Found table.

This Tuesday, August 15 – Final registration deadline for our FMC All-Church Retreat (September 1 – 3). Register online or fill out a paper form, which can be found in the church foyer near the office. Note: Private rooms are full, but there is space in the dorms. Camping and cabins are also possible accommodation options.

This Thursday, August 17 at 5:30 pm - 3rd Thursday Tacos at FMC. Come to FMC for fellowship and a taco dinner. Corn and flour tortillas, meat and a vegetarian alternative will be provided. You are invited to bring a topping to share, but it's not required. All are welcome to attend, but **RSVP by this Tuesday (Aug 15)** to help us plan for the meat and tortillas. Small donations to help with the cost are welcomed at the event, but are not required.

New Spiritual Direction Groups will begin in September. Let Pastor Deb know by next Sunday, August 20 if you are interested in joining a group this year. More information is on the communications table.

Throughout August - The Service and Outreach Committee is collecting items for MCC's School Kit Challenge. Specific items are needed; copies of the supply list are on the collection table by the water fountain (a link to the list is also available in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email). Note: metal pencil sharpeners have all been donated; no more are needed. Place items in the labeled collection box.

Upcoming Sundays in August:

- **Next Sunday, August 20 - After worship and a time of fellowship and refreshments, we will have a Safe Church training, followed by a potluck.** Everyone age 13+ is welcome. Our Safe Church Policy requires annual training for everyone working with children or youth, including Sunday school teachers/helpers, mentors, and nursery caregivers. It is also an opportunity for all of us to expand our commitments to building a safe space for all. If you currently work with minors or expect to in the future, but are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Michael for an alternative training option. Child care will be provided. There will not be Sunday school.
- **Sunday, August 27 - After worship and a time of fellowship and refreshments, there will be a training for FMC children's story tellers and people considering being a children's storyteller at FMC (a light lunch will be provided for the attendees).** There will not be Sunday school.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Cindi Schieber

Worship Leader: Mary Biddle

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing & Benediction: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **AV:** Bruce Miller

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Krick

Stewards: Bob King & Clark Breeze

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AT FMC

Safe Church Training & Potluck

Greeters: Kate Falk & Bev Hertle

Worship Leader: Janet E. Guthrie

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: John MacLean

Scripture Reader: Courtney Malcolm

Scripture: John 9:1-38 and Luke 5:17-26

Sermon: Cindy Breeze

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson; **AV:** Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Megan Cox

Stewards: Keith Springer & Mary Krick

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

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