



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 6, 2023

Accessibility & Disability Justice

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #563

“Come, Thou Fount”

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship

One: For all that confuses us,

Many: Help us to find understanding.

One: For all that impedes us,

Many: Help us to find new paths.

One: For all that we can do,

Many: Help us to find strength.

One: For all of our living,

Many: Help us to find peace.

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

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

*Praising hymn #622

“Jesus, Rock of Ages”

Scripture

Luke 4:16-21 and Isaiah 35:5-6

Sermon

*Response hymn #513

“When Hands Reach Out”

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 #36

“Let Us Build a House”

*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 or refreshments

TUESDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Facilities Committee (5p)
- FMC Council (6:30p)

THURSDAY

- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

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

This Tuesday, August 8 – Pastor Michael will be back in the office.

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: The private rooms are full, but there is still space in dorm rooms. Cabins, tents and RV's are also options for accommodations.

Thursday, August 17 at 5:30 pm - 3rd Thursday Tacos at FMC. Come 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, August 15 so that we can plan for the meat and tortillas. Small donations to help defray the cost are welcomed at the event, but aren't required.

New Spiritual Direction Groups will begin in September. Let Pastor Deb know by 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: helping 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. 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). Place your donations in the labeled collection box.

The staff is developing the Fall Sunday morning volunteer schedule. If you would like to volunteer, but have not filled out a Work of the Church volunteer form, contact Pastor Deb.

Upcoming Sundays in August:

- **TODAY** - There is no Sunday school and refreshments will not be served.
- **Next Sunday, August 13** - There will be a backpack blessing during the service for students returning to school. Teachers and students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack for the blessing. There will be no Sunday school and refreshments will not be served.
- **Sunday, August 20** - After worship we will have a Safe Church training, followed by a potluck. Child care is provided during the Safe Church training. There will be no Sunday school but refreshments will be served before the Safe Church training.
- **Sunday, August 27** - After worship, there will be a training (food provided) for FMC children's story tellers and people considering being a children's storyteller at FMC. There will be no Sunday school and refreshments will not be served.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Cindi Schieber

Worship Leader: Randy Nelson

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Phyllis Croisant

Children's Story: Cindi Schieber

Scripture Reader: Mary Krick

Scripture: Luke 4:16-21 and Isaiah 35:5-6

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom & AV: Phil Martens

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Bob King & Rebecca Bare

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AT FMC

Backpack Blessing for returning students

No Sunday school or refreshments served

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Cindi Schieber

Worship Leader: Mary Biddle

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; **Piano:** Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: Courtney Malcolm; **Scripture:** Luke 13:18-30

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

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

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Krick

Stewards: Bob King & Clark Breeze

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