



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 30, 2023

Accessibility & Disability Justice

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #10** "Here in this place"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 86*)

Leader: God is our joy who lifts up our hearts.

All: Teach us your way, O God!

Leader: God is forgiving and good, abounding in love.

All: Teach us your way, O God!

Leader: As we enter into holy worship with You,

All: Teach us your way, O God!

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

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

"This Little Light of Mine" (VT #762)

Story

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" (VT #713)

***Praising hymn #802** "Draw the Circle Wide"

Scripture John 5:1-9a and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sermon

***Response hymn** (copies on chairs) "For Everyone Born"

Offering prayer

Offertory (*Offerings can be placed in the plates as the ushers come by*)

Word of Witness Sam Cox

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 #374** "There are Many Gifts"

***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

Join us in the basement for fellowship and refreshments before Sunday school.
Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

At 11:15 am - Stay for Sunday school for all ages. Adults and youth will meet in the sanctuary for further discussion with Jeanne Davis. The Coffee & Conversation Class will meet downstairs in room 13.

Children will meet outside in the fenced yard (weather permitting) for Sunday school activities with Phil Martens and Janet Liechty. In case of inclement weather, they will meet downstairs.



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

TODAY

- FMC softball tourney game, Dodds, Field 7 (6p)

MONDAY

- Women's Night Out-details below (6p)

WEDNESDAY

- Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at Bethel AME (6:30p)

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

Thank you to Jeanne Davies for bringing us today's sermon. Jeanne is the Executive Director of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network. She will lead a Sunday school discussion for adults after fellowship time. Meet in the sanctuary. Phil Martens and Janet Liechty will lead the children in activities outdoors (weather permitting) or downstairs after fellowship time.

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

Tomorrow, July 31 - FMC Women's Night Out, 6 pm at the home of Phyllis Croisant. Come for a fun evening under the pergola in Phyllis' backyard. RSVP TODAY to Phyllis.

This Wednesday, August 2 – Monday, August 7 – Pastor Michael will be out of the office on vacation. Contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.

This Tuesday, August 1 – Early Bird Registration for our FMC All-Church Retreat (September 1 – 3 ends. Register online or fill out a paper form, which can be found in the church foyer near the office. Registration continues through August 15, with an additional fee.

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 on the communications table and in this coming Tuesday email (July 25). Questions? Talk to Pastor Deb.

The staff is developing the Fall Sunday morning volunteer schedule. Those of you who had indicated a willingness to serve in one or more roles on the Fall 2022 volunteer form received an email inquiring about your availability this Fall. If you would like to volunteer, but have not filled out a volunteer form, contact Pastor Deb.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Dave & Neta Jackson

Worship Leader: Sam Cox

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Megan Cox

Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken

Scripture: John 5:1-9a and 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Sermon: Jeanne Davies, Exec. Dir. Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick

AV: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson

Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Perry Biddle

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Denny & Nancy Seaman

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 AT FMC

No Sunday school or refreshments served

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

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