



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 1, 2023

Season of Creation: River



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Holy! Holy! Holy!

Many: Earth is filled with God's presence.

One: Be still and feel the presence of God,

Many: the presence pulsing, pulsing through Earth. Be still and feel the pulse of God.

One: Be still and hear the Spirit of God,

Many: the Spirit breathing, breathing through Earth. Be still and hear the breath of God.

One: Be still, behold the glory of God,

Many: the glory filling, filling this Earth. Be still, behold the face of God.

One: Be still.

*Gathering hymn #566 "Somlandela (We Will Follow)"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising hymn #102 "Santo, santo, santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm (www.hungryworldfarm.com)

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

Scripture Exodus 17:1-7 and Mark 1:9-13

Sermon

*Hymn #441 "Crashing Waters at Creation"

Communion

Communion Hymns: #461, #24 and #476

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available).

Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice.

Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

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 #812 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*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 a large print hymnal & Bible 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. Parents, please assist your children during snack time. Education opportunities for all ages are held from 11:15am-12pm. Childcare for infants - preschoolers is provided in the nursery.



CLASSES THROUGH NOVEMBER (upstairs/downstairs)

Introduction to Islam: Sanctuary
Inspired: Library
Mennonites 101: Rm 7 Downstairs
Coffee & Conversation: Rm 13 Downstairs
Young Adults: Rm 5 Downstairs

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grades 3 – 6: Room 3
Middle School & High School youth are welcome to join any of the adult Sunday school classes

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

TODAY

- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (4p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

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

TODAY - In addition to the general offering, we have an opportunity today to give a special offering to replenish FMC's Mutual Aid Fund, used to support FMCers with needs such as medical care, housing, and other assistance. You are invited to give to one or both offerings. If giving to the special offering, write "Mutual Aid" on your check or envelope. One check can be written for both offerings, but please designate in the memo line the amount given to each offering.

Next Sunday, October 8 - Discernment Circles after Sunday school. Small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2024. Active participants who have attended for at least six months and are high school age or older are invited to participate in person or over Zoom. There will be child care to allow parents to participate in the circles.

Saturday, October 14 at 10 am in the FMC fellowship hall - Join us for a baby shower brunch for David and Kory Moyer. They are registered at Amazon. Please RSVP to Michelle Moyer-Litwiller.

Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 am – Noon: FMC Fall Work Day. Help us spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee & donuts/bagels are provided. More details coming soon. Note that this is the same day as [Menno Haven's Fall Work Day](#).

Refreshment servers needed! The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee supplies the drinks and snacks and has created an easy to follow sheet of instructions. Serving refreshments is a simple commitment that requires no preparation before arriving at FMC. We currently have refreshment servers through November and will ask about your availability before we create future quarterly schedules. Please help us spread the refreshment serving over a wider number of people. If you are willing to add your name to the list, please email the church office (office@fmc-cu.org). Thank you!

Thursday evening, Nov. 16, 7 pm at New Covenant Fellowship in Champaign –The C-U Reparations Coalition (CURC) is excited to bring **Robin Rue Simmons**, former City Council member from Evanston, and founder of First Repair (firstrepair.org) to speak in Champaign. As an alderman, Rue was the architect of the nation's first local-government-funded reparations program, allocating 10 million dollars over a 10-year period to African Americans harmed by a history of Evanston's discriminatory housing policies. Over 120 communities in the U.S. are now exploring how they might follow Evanston's lead. Ms. Simmons is a dynamic speaker, so save the date!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Donna Evans & Earl Kellogg
Worship Leader: Marcia E Nelson
Music: Worship Band
Children's Story: Lesley Deem; **Scripture Reader:** Bruce Miller
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **AV:** Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson
SS Nursery: Taniya & Pete Shungu
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tom Sutter
Refreshments: Megan & Sam Cox

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT FMC:

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46
Greeters: Donna Evans & Earl Kellogg
Worship Leader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Pastor Deb; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Mary Biddle; **Scripture Reader:** Nancy Seaman
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; **AV:** Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson
SS Nursery: Taniya & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tom Sutter
Refreshments: Mary Hines & Lesley Deem

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