



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## Celebration of Worship

October 15, 2023

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship *(adapted from Isaiah 25)*

Leader: Lord, you are our God! We exalt you and praise your name.

**People: You have done wonderful things, faithful and sure.**

Leader: You have been a refuge to the poor,

**People: A shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.**

Leader: The Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, and well-aged wines.

**People: And God will wipe away the tears from all faces.**

\*Gathering hymn #209 "We Dream of a Turning"

#### Welcome and prayer

\*Praising hymn #464 "We Are People on a Journey"

#### Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm ([www.hungryworldfarm.com](http://www.hungryworldfarm.com))

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

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

#### Sermon

\*Hymn #517 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#### 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 #511 "Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast"

#### \*Benediction

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\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

Worship Visual: An original painting by artist Maria Bellini, entitled "The Holy Spirit".

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.

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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 & High School Youth:** Rm 5 Downstairs

### CHILDREN'S CLASSES (downstairs)

**Kindergarten – Grade 6:** Room 3

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit [www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- FMC Discernment Circle during fellowship time (10:45a)
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (4p)

### WEDNESDAY

- NO Wednesday Zoom Bible Study
- Facilities Committee (5:30p)

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Taco Night (5:30p)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at Bethel AME (6:30p)

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

**TODAY during fellowship hour - A final in-person discernment circle will be held for anyone who was unable to participate in the October 8 discernment circles.** Meet in Pastor Michael's office.

**October 16 – 21 – Pastor Michael will be out of the office.** Please contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.

**This Tuesday, October 17:**

- **Deadline to give the Service & Outreach Committee your input as they prepare Missions Giving recommendations for the 2024 budget.**
- **Deadline to RSVP for 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Tacos (to be held this Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 pm).** All are welcome to 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.

**Sunday, October 22 - A group from Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church will join us for worship.**

**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.

**Sunday, October 29, 5-7 pm at FMC - Follow up meeting to continue the conversation about the future of our FMC apartment building.** The meeting will be held in the FMC basement with childcare provided and include a simple soup and bread supper. All FMC attendees are invited and encouraged to participate whether or not you were at the September meeting. Let us know you are coming using this form: <https://tinyurl.com/2ndAptDisc>.

**Sunday, November 5 during worship - Annual Service of Remembrance.** We will recognize loved ones who have died since our Service of Remembrance last year (late October 2022). If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office ([office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org)) with the following information: person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). Submission Deadline: Tuesday, October 24.

**Monday, November 6, 10:30 am at FMC - Memorial service for Evelyn Good.** A luncheon in the FMC fellowship hall will follow the service.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Denny & Nancy Seaman

**Worship Leader:** Sam Cox

**Song Leader:** Bev Birkey Potts; **Piano:** Jan Kellogg

**Children's Story:** Bruce Miller

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

**Zoom & AV:** Chuck Gibson

**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Marcia E Nelson

**SS Nursery:** Taniya & Abby Crosby

**Stewards:** Lynne Sancken & Tom Sutter

**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT FMC:

**Scripture:** Exodus 33:12-23 & Matthew 22:34-46:1-14; **Scripture Reader:** Mark Evans

**Greeters:** Denny & Nancy Seaman

**Worship Leader:** Sheryl Dyck

**Song Leader:** Danielle Beard; **Piano:** Bev Birkey Potts

**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb

**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

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

**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Tom Sutter; **SS Nursery:** Taniya & TBD

**Stewards:** Tammie Bouseman & Cynthia Nafziger

**Refreshments:** Bev Hertle & Peter Dyck

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