



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 8, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

Leader: So, with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Gathering hymn #38 "Life-Giver, Maker, God of All"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising hymn #131 "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

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

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

Scripture Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

*Hymn #146 "Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn"

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 #127 "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

*Benediction

*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.

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 & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11

Grades 3 – 6: Room 3

<https://tinyurl.com/OctTacoThurs>

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

TODAY

- FMC Discernment Circles (12p)

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (1p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Council (6:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

SATURDAY

- Baby shower for David & Kory Moyer (10a)

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

TODAY - 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. Please gather in the sanctuary immediately after Sunday school. Child care will be provided.

This 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.

Tuesday, October 17 – Deadline to give the Service & Outreach Committee your input as they prepare Missions Giving recommendations for the 2024 budget. Please complete a feedback form.

Thursday, October 19 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 (Aug 17) 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.

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.

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 that you are coming.

Sunday, November 19, 3 pm at Spurlock Museum in Urbana - Grateful Gathering, hosted by the Interfaith Alliance. The gathering will feature local you artists and Afro D & Global Soundwaves.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Zoom: Mary Krick; **AV:** Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Karla Woodson & Donna Evans

SS Nursery: Melissa Shungu & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tom Sutter

Refreshments: Mary Hines & Lesley Deem

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT FMC:

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14; **Scripture Reader:** Greg Sancken

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

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