



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 22, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to be people of love.

People: God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.

Leader: Truly loving can sometimes be difficult

People: Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.

Leader: In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.

People: Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. AMEN.

*Gathering hymn #809 "Sing a New World into Being"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising hymn #70 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

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

Scripture Exodus 33:12-23 & Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

*Hymn #616 "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord"

Offering prayer

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

Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church Sharing

Congregational sharing and prayer (*use a mic or text/email prayers and announcements to Pastor Deb*)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement*)

*Sending hymn #773 "Ubi caritas et amor"

*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'S CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 6: Room 3

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

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance mtg at EIL Food Bank (12p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee-Zoom (3:15p)
- Service & Outreach Committee-Zoom (4p)

FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)
- Repair Network Prayer & Action Hour-Zoom (3p)

SATURDAY

- FMC Work Day (8:30a-Noon)
- Menno Haven Work Day (all day)

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

This Tuesday - Deadline for contacting the church office if you wish to include someone close to you in the November 5 Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our Service of Remembrance last year (late October 2022). Please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) with the following information: person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible).

This Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 am – Noon: FMC Fall Work Day. Help us spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee & donuts are provided.

Next 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. No sign-up required; just come if you can.

Sunday, October 29 - Deadline for November Vine submissions; email them to Cindi Schieber.

Monday, October 30th at 7:30 pm - FMC will host a public lecture by the Chief of the Oglala Lakota Nation, Henry Red Cloud. Chief Red Cloud resides on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and will speak about Pine Ridge and his work to bring solar power and sustainable housing to the reservation. The Lakota Thiyuha dome house project will be featured in the upcoming PBS's Native America series. The episode "New Worlds" is scheduled to air on WILL on Tuesday, October 24 at 8 pm. You can view a 5-minute clip with Henry in this "Solar Warrior" segment: <https://www.pbs.org/video/solar-warrior-obcib5/>

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

Special Music during Advent/Christmas – The Advent Committee invites all ages and levels to participate in several types of music during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. There is a signup outside of Pastor Deb's office if you are interested in being in a choir/ensemble, choir chimes, or to provide some special music during this time (December 3 - January 8).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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 & Doug Malcolm

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Cynthia Nafziger

Refreshments: Karla Woodson & Peter Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT FMC:

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22; **Scripture Reader:** Stephanie Thurston

Greeters: Denny & Nancy Seaman

Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Pastor Deb

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Zoom: Phil Martens; **AV:** Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Megan Cox; **SS Nursery:** Taniya & Melissa Shungu

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