



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 29, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: of whom shall I be afraid?

**ALL: *One thing I ask of you, O Lord, and that I will pursue:
to live in your house all the days of my life,
to behold your beauty and to seek you in your temple.***

***Gathering hymn #437** "The Lord is My Light"

Welcome and prayer

***Hymn #751** "There Is in Every Person"

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

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

Scripture Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

***Hymn #701** "You Are All We Have"

Offering prayer

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

Oak Flat video and Introduction to the November 4th Day of Prayer

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 #816** "Guide My Feet"

*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 2 Grade 6: Room 10/11

Grade 3 - 6: Room 3

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

TODAY

- Vine newsletter submission deadline to Cindi Schieber
- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)
- 2nd Apartment Building Discussion with meal (5-7p)

MONDAY

- Public lecture by Chief Henry Red Cloud at FMC (7:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3:15p)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (8:30a)
- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee-Zoom (3:30p)

SATURDAY

- Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am on Sunday; move your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday evening.

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

TODAY:

- **Deadline for submitting Vine articles to Cindi Schieber**
- **From 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 and will 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.

Tomorrow, 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.

Monday, November 6, 10:30 am at FMC - Memorial service for Evelyn Good. A luncheon in the FMC fellowship hall will follow the service. We anticipate many attendees and are asking for help with food and meal set-up/tear down. If you can help, please sign up. Contact Marcia E. Nelson with questions.

We are updating our FMC directory. A copy is in the foyer for you to review your information and make corrections. If you are currently not listed in the directory but would like to be, please list your information on the labeled page.

Today through Sunday, November 12 - Undergraduate Care Packages. Each year before finals, FMC sends our undergraduate students Care Packages. This Fall we are collecting small donations (\$5-15) instead of food. If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in the green "donation" bucket near the back of the sanctuary. You can also donate online (note what the donation is for in the memo line) or by check (note what donation is for in memo line). We hope to give each student some money for finals week treats to give with their signed encouragement card. **There is a card for each student in the FMC library and you are invited to sign them.**

Next Sunday – Annual Service of Remembrance during worship. (Daylight Savings Time ends; remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening).

2023 FMC budget update - General offerings to date have totaled \$206,249, an average of \$ 4,796 per week. This is about \$35,000 below the year-to-date expenses committed in our 2023 spending plan. It's not unusual to be behind at this point in the year; like many churches, our largest giving month is typically December. However, the current shortfall is higher than usual. To meet our annual spending plan goal of \$300,814 an additional \$92,624 or \$9,262 per week is needed by year's end.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Denny & Nancy Seaman

Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto

Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; **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 B. & Megan Cox; **SS Nursery:** Taniya & Melissa S.

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Cynthia Nafziger

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT FMC:

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 & 1 John 3:1-3, **Scripture Reader:** Eliza Crosby

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Cynthia Nafziger

Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; **Piano:** Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Randy Nelson

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **AV:** Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Taniya B. & Sheryl Dyck; **SS Nursery:** Rhonda G. & Pete S.

Stewards: Keith Springer & Greg Sancken

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

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