

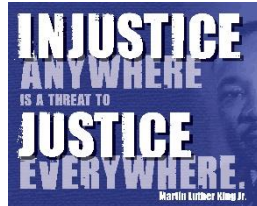


WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 14, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship: #857 (*unison*)

\*Gathering hymn #125 "Shout to the Lord (Cante al Señor)"

Welcome and prayer

\*Praising Hymn #163 "Amazing Grace!"

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 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Revelation 1:4-8; 2:1-7

Sermon

\*Response Hymn #772 "God of Justice"

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 #810 "Go, My Friends, in Grace"

\*Benediction

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\*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.

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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)

**Jesus & John Wayne:** Sanctuary  
**Be Still and Know:** Room 7, Downstairs  
**Coffee & Conversation:** Room 13, Downstairs  
**High school & College:** Room 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- Deadline for Taco Tuesday RSVP
- MLK Celebration at Krannert (5p)

### TUESDAY

- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)

### THURSDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

- During worship – Words of Witness
- Potluck after Sunday school (12p)
- Congregational Meeting (1p)

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

### TODAY

- **Final day to RSVP for Taco Tuesday, which will be held at 5:30 pm this Tuesday. RSVP using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/FMCTacoTue>.** Tacos, meat, rice, and beans are provided; bring a taco topping, side, or dessert to share if you wish, though it's not required.
- **Tonight at 5 pm, Krannert Center (500 S. Goodwin Ave, U) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration. Doors open at 4 pm.** The Rev. BJ Tatum will be the keynote speaker.

**Tomorrow, January 15 at 8:30 am, Vineyard Church (1500 N. Lincoln Ave., U). Unity Breakfast, part of the MLK County Celebration.**

### Next Sunday, January 21

- **Potluck after Sunday school at 12 pm.** Bring a nut-free dish to share; checklist cards are provided to note dietary information about your dish.
- **Annual congregational meeting at 1 pm; child care will be provided.** An email goes out today with information on the agenda, 2023 annual committee reports and the 2024 proposed spending plan. Printed copies are available on the table near the FMC office. Please make time read the information and to join us for this important time of decision-making.

**Friday, February 2 – Saturday, February 3 - One Winter Night, CU at Home's fundraising event that also provides an opportunity for the community to learn about homelessness and to build empathy for the homeless.** Rebecca Bare & Rea Koehn will represent FMC in the February 2 outdoor challenge, with participants raising funds and awareness by spending the night outside in tents, cars, or makeshift shelters. Donate to their fundraising page using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/OWN24-Bare-Koehn>. On Saturday, February 3 from 5:30 – 9:30 pm, there is a new Benefit Auction, to be held at The Venue CU (51 E Main St, C). The proceeds support CU at Home's year-round mission of helping people find stability.

**Everence College Scholarships** are again offered for the coming academic year. Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000. Applications are accepted through February 28, Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships) to view the eligibility requirements and to download the application. Contact Keith Springer for additional information.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Greg Sancken & Cathy Schneider  
**Worship Leader:** Keith Springer  
**Song Leader:** Rafael Luquis; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda  
**Children's Story:** Mary Biddle  
**Scripture Reader:** Dianna Black  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson  
**SS Nursery:** Mary Hines & Courtney Malcolm  
**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Cynthia Nafziger  
**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT FMC:

**Scripture:** Mark 1:14-20; **Scripture Reader:** Sheryl Dyck  
**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Greg Sancken  
**Worship Leader:** Sam Cox  
**Song Leader:** Danielle Beard; **Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus  
**Children's Story:** Megan Cox  
**Words of Witness:** Donna Nelson Evans, Phil Martens, David Needham  
**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom & Audio:** Chuck Gibson  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Kathy Anderson  
**SS Nursery:** Pete Shungu & Abby Crosby  
**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Cynthia Nafziger  
**Refreshments:** Dianna Black & Mary Hines

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