



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 21, 2024

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in preparation,

**People: For good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation,

**People: For joy is about to break forth in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration,

**People: For we are people who say,**

**Yes to the Spirit**

**Yes to the One incarnate**

**Yes to the wholeness of God!**

*ALL: Look at how good and pleasing it is when God's people live together as one!*

#### \*Gathering hymn #703

"Rain Down"

#### Welcome and prayer

#### \*Praising Hymn #86

"You Are Exalted"

#### 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

Psalms 133 and Mark 1:14-20

#### Words of Witness

#### \*Response Hymn #556

"I Bind My Heart This Tide"

#### Offering prayer

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

#### Blessing for the 2024 Council and Committees

*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 #706

"O Healing River"

#### \*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

- Noon potluck, followed by Annual mtg at 1 pm
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group meets (4p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Interfaith Alliance at the Habitat ReStore (12p)

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

- Greet Team Online Panel Discussion (4p)

### SUNDAY

- During worship - Guest Speaker Minni Pearson, President, NAACP Champaign County Branch

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

### TODAY

- **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.** Printed copies of the documents will be available at the meeting.

**This Saturday, January 27, 4-5:30 pm CST - Online panel discussion, "Addressing our Climate Crisis: Multigenerational/Multidimensional Perspectives", coordinated by our FMC Green Team.** What values guide people of faith acting to preserve our Common Home? National, regional and local leaders bring diverse perspectives to the critical work we must do to protect our common home. Detailed flyers are on the communications table. Register here: <http://tiny.cc/GreenTeamJan27>.

### Next Sunday, January 28:

- **During worship** – Guest speaker Minnie Pearson, President of the NAACP Champaign County Branch
- **Deadline to submit articles for the Feb Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.
- **Anabaptist World is a monthly paper and digital magazine that offers articles and news from an Anabaptist perspective.** FMC has a reduced-rate group subscription (\$39 for 12 issues), which is up for renewal. If you would like to join, please contact the church office by next Sunday and Rhonda will give you further information.

**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. Donate to their fundraising page using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/OWN24-Bare-Koehn>. On Saturday, February 3 from 5:30 – 9:30 pm at The Venue CU (51 E Main St., C), there is a new Benefit Auction in support of CU at Home's year-round mission of helping people find stability.

**Saturday, February 3, 8-10:30 CDT - Mennonite CDC Mid-Year Zoom Gathering.** Theme: Listen! Wisdom is Calling. Congregations are invited to participate in the gathering; no registration is necessary. The schedule and Zoom link are at: <http://tinyurl.com/24CDCMidYear>

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Greg Sancken  
**Worship Leader:** Sam Cox  
**Song Leader:** Danielle Beard; **Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus  
**Children's Story:** Megan Cox  
**Scripture Reader:** Sheryl Dyck  
**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

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Randy Nelson  
**Worship Leader:** Marcia E Nelson  
**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Jan Kellogg  
**Children's Story:** Lesley Deem  
**Scripture Reader:** Joyce Hurd; **Scripture:** Psalm 111 and Mark 1:21-28  
**Guest Speaker:** Minnie Pearson, President, NAACP Champaign County Branch  
**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Rachel Miller-Haughton; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson  
**SS Nursery:** Mary Hines & Rebecca Bare  
**Stewards:** Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer  
**Refreshments:** Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

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