



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. Sunday school for all ages will be held from 11:15 am – 12 pm. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11

Grades 3 – 6: Room 3

High school & College: Room 5

ADULT CLASSES

Jesus and John Wayne: Sanctuary

Be Still and Know: Library (next to sanctuary)

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (MARCH 3) AT FMC:

Lent 3

Sister Church Sunday

Scripture: Psalms 86:8-13 and Mark 2:1-12

Scripture Reader: Kathy Springer

Greeters: Peter Dyck & Karen McKenzie

Worship Leader: Randy Nelson

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Pam Peña Martin

Children's Story: Donna N. Evans & Lynne Sancken

Sharing about our Sister Church relationship:

Earl Kellogg and Greg Springer

Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean; **Audio:** Chuck Gibson

Visuals: Donna Evans & Bev Birkey Potts

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Biddle

Sun. School Nursery: Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu

Stewards: Scott Bidner & Mark Evans

Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Sarah Little

Thanks to the 3-6 Grade Class for leading today's worship and the many roles they filled.

Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Donna Evans, Rhonda Gibson & Grades 3-6

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Bob King

Sun. School Nursery: Abby Crosby & Courtney Malcolm

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Rebecca Bare

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

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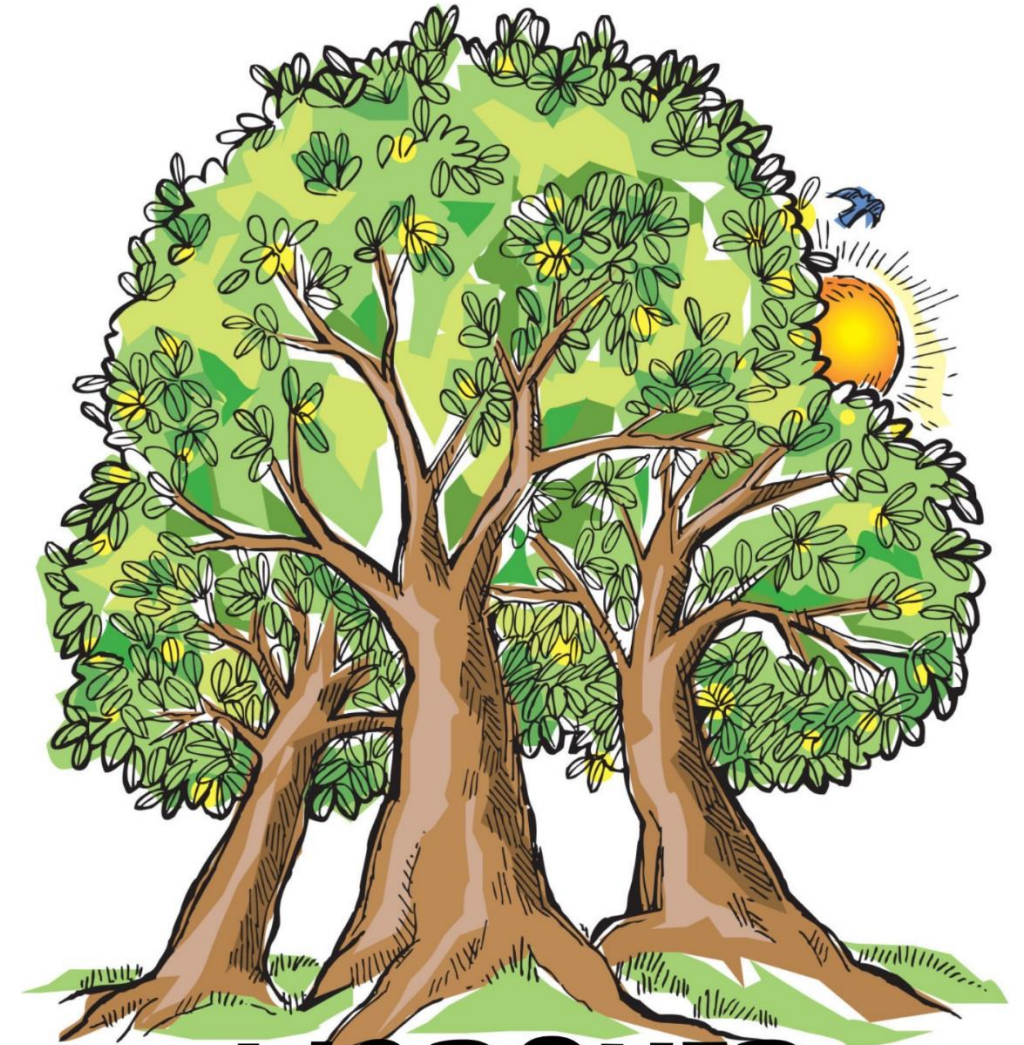
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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.



WORSHIP:

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Rooted in the World

Celebration of Worship

February 25, 2024

LENT 2



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Call to worship (unison)

Holy God,

You call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in the world.

Be with us now as we sing, pray and share together.

Help us hear your voice so that we can follow you more faithfully. Amen.

Welcome & prayer

*Gathering Hymn #62

“God is Here Among Us”

*Hymn #514

“I Saw a Tree by the Riverside”

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

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

Like a Rock Lyrics (Hymnal #63)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Reader’s Theater

Mark 10:17-31 (*adapted from the Peace Table Bible*)

Words of Witness

*Response Hymn #387

“We are One in the Spirit”

Offering prayer (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by*)

Offertory

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending Hymn #847

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Blessing

As you leave this place, may Jesus meet you on the road,
And turn your sadness into joy (Y convertir tu tristeza en alegría),
And turn your worry into relief (Y convierte tu preocupación en alivio),
And turn your disappointment into hope (Y convierte tu decepción en esperanza).
May Jesus notice when you feel invisible or lonely,
And meet you on the road,
To give you determination and strength,
To share God’s healing love everywhere you go. AMEN

- *Written by the Grade 3-6 Sunday school class and Pastor Michael,
based on a discussion about the story of Mark 10:17-31*

**Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

Bulletin Cover and Table Visual

Our class used the image of a tree to remember the three main aspects of worship:

Growing up toward the light - *In worship, we learn about and deepen our relationship with God.*

Growing out and communicating with other trees - *In worship, we connect with our FMC community, learn from each other and think about who we are as God’s people.*

Rooted in the world - *We leave worship better able to live out our beliefs in the world and to share God’s love with others.*

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 large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.