

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.



Spring Classes

CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grades 3 – 6: Room 3
High school & College: Room 5

ADULT CLASSES

Between the Dark & the Daylight: Library
Communion Class: Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (MARCH 24) AT FMC:

Lent 6 (Palm Sunday)

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie

Song Leader: Rafael Luquis

Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus

Cello: Geoffrey Herman

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

Scripture Reader: Rebecca Bare

Sermon: Rev. Terrance Thomas

Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Donna Evans & Bev Birkey Potts

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson

Sun. School Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm

Stewards: Mark Evans & Perry Biddle

Refreshments: Cynthia & Emerson Nafziger

Scripture: Mark 11-15

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Thom Moore

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

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

Scripture Reader: Pastor Michael

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Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Bob King

Sun. School Nursery: Abby Crosby & Pete Shungu

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Megan Cox

Refreshments: Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

March 17, 2024



Celebration of Worship

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LENT 5



Centering chimes

Prelude

Prelude, from Cello Suite #2 in d minor by J.S. Bach

*Call to worship

Leader : Creating God, we bring to you our praise.

People: We give thanks for the bounty of earth, sea, and sky.

Leader: We hold before you our joy and entrust to you our sorrow.

People: We are yours and made in your image.

Leader: Open to us the movement of your Spirit in and among us.

People: Comfort us. Disturb us.

Leader: Enlighten us. Ignite us.

**All: Continue your creating ways in us and through us,
that your glory may be comprehended and your love made visible.**

In the name of your Son, our Savior, we pray.

*Gathering Hymn #62 "God is Here Among Us"

Welcome & Lenten prayer

Confession & Assurance

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy. Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

Many: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

All: Cleansed in your abundant mercy, we cry out with joy.

*Hymn #84 "To God Be the Glory"

Children's story and offering for Champaign County Habitat for Humanity (cuhabitat.com)

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

Scripture Psalm 102:12-17, Mark 13:28-31 and Hebrews 6:1-3

Sermon *Beyond Basic*

*Response Hymn #746 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"

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

Offertory Vocalise, op 34 by Rachmaninoff

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending Hymn #839 "Go Ye Now in Peace"

*Benediction

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

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.