

## 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 31) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson  
**Worship Leader:** Thom Moore  
**Song Leader:** Cindy Breeze  
**Piano:** Kathy Springer  
**Flutes:** Danielle Beard & Mary Krick  
**Children's Story:** Donna N. Evans & Baggins Schneider  
**Scripture Reader:** Pastor Michael  
**Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Mary Krick  
**Audio:** Randy Nelson  
**Visuals:** Donna Evans & Bev Birkey Potts  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Bob King  
**Sun. School Nursery:** Karla Woodson & Pete Shungu  
**Stewards:** Tammie Bouseman & Megan Cox  
**Refreshments:** Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

**Easter Potluck Brunch 9 am**  
**Pick-up choir rehearsal for Hallelujah Chorus 9:45 am**  
**Easter hymns in sanctuary 10:05 am**  
**Worship & Communion 10:15 am**  
*We'll have a special offering for our FMC Mutual Aid Fund*  
**No Sunday school**

**Scripture:** Psalm 118:1-9, 21-24, 28-29 & Mark 16:1-8  
**Greeters:** Tim Click & Cynthia Nafziger  
**Worship Leader:** Sam Cox  
**Song Leader:** Cindy Breeze  
**Piano:** Pastor Deb  
**Children's Story:** Donna N. Evans & Lynne Sancken  
**Scripture Reader:** Karen McKenzie  
**Sermon & Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens  
**Audio:** Randy Nelson  
**Visuals:** Donna Evans & Bev Birkey Potts  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson  
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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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



# Celebration of Worship

March 24, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude and lighting of the solitary lamp – Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship

\*Call to worship Hymnal #996

\*Gathering hymn #313 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Welcome

Prayer (*unison*)

This is the day, God, may I dream your dreams;

This day, God, may I reflect your love;

This day, God, may I do your work;

This day, God, may I taste your peace.

Scripture Mark 11:1-11

Procession of the Palms

\*Hymn #312 “Jesus Is Coming”

Procession of the Cloth

Children’s story and offering for Champaign County Habitat for Humanity ([cuhabitat.com](http://cuhabitat.com))

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

## A LAVISH ANOINTING

Scripture Mark 14:1-9

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

Offertory

## BETRAYAL, ARREST AND ABANDONMENT

Scripture Mark 14:10-31

Solo *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing*

Scripture Mark 14:32-52

Silent reflection

## THE TIME OF TRIAL

Scripture Mark 14:53-15:15

Procession of Confession (*all are invited to bring palms forward to place at base of the cross*)

\*Hymn #147 “Kyrie Eleison”

## TORTURE AND EXECUTION

Scripture Mark 15:16-39

Special Music

## THE WOMEN KEEP VIGIL

Scripture Mark 15:40-47

Crucifixion Poem

\*Hymn of Assurance #596 “Don’t Be Afraid”

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

\*Sending Hymn #138 “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

\*Benediction

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

*Special Offering: People are invited to give an additional Holy Week Footwashing Offering at any FMC service during Holy Week to benefit Mennonite Action, which is working to demand a ceasefire, end the US and western funded occupation of Palestine, and build for lasting peace. If writing a check, write “Footwashing Offering” in the memo line. ([www.mennoniteaction.org](http://www.mennoniteaction.org))*

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 large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

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