



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

People: we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

People: give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Leader: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

ALL: whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Gathering hymn #30 "Jesus Calls Us"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #63 "Like a Rock"

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

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

Scripture Acts 3:1-10 and Mark 6:53-56

Sermon

*Response Hymn #646 "O God, to You I Cry in Pain"

*Response Hymn #642 "Healing River of the Spirit"

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 #644 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*Benediction

*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.

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 MAY (upstairs/downstairs)

Between the Dark & the Daylight: Library
Eating with Jesus: Practices of Communion: Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)

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



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

- Taco Tue. Signup deadline

WEDNESDAY

- Facilities Committee (5:30p)

SATURDAY

- FMC reserved for private event (2:30-5:30p)

TUESDAY

- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)
- Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte (6:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

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

TODAY:

- **Sign encouragement cards for our FMC undergraduates as they enter Spring finals.** In the library, there are tables with a card for each student. Please take a moment to write a note of encouragement; these notes of encouragement mean a lot to students!
- **Deadline to RSVP for Taco Tuesday, to be held this Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 at FMC.** Bring a taco topping, side, or dessert to share if you wish, though it's not required. RSVP to attend by today, April 14. The main meal will be provided by a few volunteers; you can sign-up to help with the main meal or cleanup.

This Wednesday, April 17, 12:30-2 PM CT – Join BMC's Supportive Communities Network for a Zoom meeting with Heather Vickery, [Pink Haven Coalition](#) coordinator. Heather will offer a session on grassroots efforts to support trans individuals and families who need to relocate to safer states due to anti-lgbtq laws & violence. Regional break-out groups will follow.

Read about our dual-affiliation history and the considerations for discernment in the [April Vine newsletter](#). The deadline for completing the Council survey about FMC's dual affiliation status is April 24.

Only 2 more weeks to register for our 60th anniversary weekend (June 29-30)! Our celebration will include a Saturday afternoon gathering in a local park to catch up with one another, a concert at FMC on Saturday evening, and a special music-filled Sunday worship service followed by a catered lunch. *If you plan to attend any of the events or even just the Sunday morning worship service and lunch, please by May 1 so that we can plan accordingly.*

Sunday, April 28:

- **Deadline to submit articles for the May Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.
- **After worship – A short congregational meeting and vote on the HVAC proposal.** Check your Friday email for details. Copies of the proposal are also available on the information table near the church office.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT FMC:

Greeters: Cathy Schneider & Randy Nelson

Worship Leader: Keith Springer

Music: TBA

Children's Story: Phil Martens

Scripture Reader: Chuck Gibson

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Megan Cox; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Rebecca Bare

SS Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Bob King

Refreshments: Denny & Nancy Seaman

Scripture: Acts 17:1-9; Mark 13:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; **Scripture Reader:** Eliza Crosby

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Randy Nelson

Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze; **Piano:** Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Pete Shungu

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Courtney Malcolm; **SS Nursery:** Abby Crosby & Pete Shungu

Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Tom Sutter

Refreshments: Karla Woodson & Mary Hines

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