



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

April 28, 2024

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

*Prelude, from Suite #1 in G Major by J.S. Bach*

#### Call to Worship

Hymnal #894

#### \*Gathering hymn #177

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### Welcome and prayer

#### \*Praising Hymn (*green STJ book*)

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

#### 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)

#### Scripture

Acts 18:1-4

#### Sermon

#### \*Response Hymn #719

"Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace"

#### Offering prayer (*Offerings can be placed in the plates as the ushers come by*)

#### Offertory

*O My Father, by James McGranahan*

#### 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 #809

"Sing a New World into Being"

#### \*Benediction

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

*Thank you to our guests from Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon, Jonathan Kuttab, and Central Illinois Regional Coordinator Dr. Nicole Anderson Cobb, as we learn about and support their work for equality, security, and human rights for all people in the Middle East.*

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 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- May Vine submission deadline
- FMC reserved for a private recital (5-9p)

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)

### FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

### TUESDAY

- FMC library reserved (9-11a)

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

### TODAY:

- **Immediately after the service - A short congregational meeting and vote on the HVAC proposal to replace our aging A/C units.** Copies of the proposal will be available at the meeting. An online ballot will be sent at 10:30 am for those who can't attend in person.
- **Sunday school in the sanctuary with Churches for Middle East Peace.**
- **Deadline to submit articles for the May Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.**

A "Summer Availability" form was emailed to all who indicated a willingness to help with roles on Sunday mornings. The deadline for completing the form is Tuesday, May 7 so that Pastor Deb and Rhonda can compile the Summer service list. If you didn't complete a "Work of the Church" volunteer form last Fall, but wish to do so, please contact the church office ([office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org)).

**Only 2 more days to register for our 60<sup>th</sup> 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 register by May 1 so that we can plan accordingly.*

**Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 am – Noon – FMC Spring Work Day.** Come help spruce up the FMC grounds and building. Donuts, bagels, coffee and juice will be provided.

**On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 during fellowship time – We will have special refreshments in honor of all who mother.**

**May 19 during worship – Celebration of our graduates.** We will offer a blessing for all graduates (middle school and older) during worship and will have special refreshments during fellowship time.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Bev Hertle & Keith Springer  
**Worship Leader:** Randy Nelson; **CMEP Liaison:** Nicole Anderson-Cobb  
**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller  
**Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus; **Cello:** Geoffrey Herman  
**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare  
**Scripture Reader:** Jonathan Kuttub  
**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, CMEP Executive Director  
**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Joyce Hurd; **Audio:** Phil Martens  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Donna Evans Nelson  
**SS Nursery:** Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm  
**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Tom Sutter  
**Refreshments:** Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT FMC:

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Mark 12:28-31  
**Scripture Reader:** Amber Anderson  
**Greeters:** Cathy Schneider & Mary Krick  
**Worship Leader:** Chuck Gibson  
**Song Leader:** Cindy Breeze; **Piano:** Pam Peña Martin  
**Children's Story:** Marcia E. Nelson  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb  
**Zoom:** Rachel Miller Haughton; **Audio:** Randy Nelson  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Mary Hines  
**SS Nursery:** Rhonda Gibson & Doug Malcolm  
**Stewards:** Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken  
**Refreshments:** Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

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