



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

May 12, 2024

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Listen for the Good News today!

**Congregation: What is the Good News?**

Leader: We are what we are by God's grace.

**Congregation: God's grace is with us today.**

Leader: Like trees planted by streams of water

**Congregation: let us trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Let us meditate on God's Word

**Congregation: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.**

Leader: We will all be changed by God's grace.

**Congregation: Thanks be to the living God.**

**\*Gathering hymn #764** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues"

**Welcome and prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn #4** "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

**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** 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 and Mark 12:26-27a

**Sermon**

**\*Response Hymn #353** "Now the Green Blade Rises"

**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 #832** "The Lord Lift You Up"

**\*Benediction**

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\*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.

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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:** 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

- Special refreshments during fellowship time
- FMC reserved for private recital (1:30-5p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Facilities Committee (5:30p)

### THURSDAY

- Christian Education Committee (9a)
- FMC Softball game at Dodds, Field 6 (8p)

### FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

### SUNDAY (May 19: Pentecost)

- Celebration of graduates during worship
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3p)
- RSVP Deadline for Taco Tuesday

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

### TODAY

- We will have special refreshments during fellowship time in honor of all who mother.
- The church is reserved for a private recital starting at 1:30 pm. Please help ready the sanctuary and basement by picking up bulletins and making sure to gather your things from those spaces.

The Facilities Committee thanks to all those who helped spruce up FMC grounds and building yesterday at our Spring Work Day!

All this week: The sanctuary HVAC installation is ongoing.

### Next Sunday, May 19

- **Celebration of our graduates.** We will offer a blessing for all graduates during worship, followed by special refreshments during fellowship time.
- **Deadline to RSVP for Taco Tuesday, to be held on May 21, 5:30 at FMC.** Bring a taco topping, side, or dessert to share if you wish, though it's not required. RSVP to attend. The main meal will be provided by a few volunteers; sign up to help with the main meal or setup/cleanup.

**Sunday, May 26 - Deadline to submit articles for the June Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

**On Thursday, June 13 - Participants and leaders from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will stop in CU on the seminary's "Trail of Death Pilgrimage," which follows the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from northern Indiana to Kansas.** We will host the pilgrims at FMC for a taco meal and evening program featuring stories of Indigenous restoration. Note that the June taco meal will be held on June 13 instead of on its typical Tuesday date. We are also arranging overnight homestays for the pilgrims (bed, shower, breakfast). Please contact Janet Guthrie if you can provide housing and/or assist in other ways with hosting.

**Sunday, July 21 at 12:30 pm – Council invites the congregation to a discussion about our dual-conference status.** Details forthcoming.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Scripture Reader:** Courtney Malcolm  
**Greeters:** Kate Falk & Greg Sancken  
**Worship Leader:** Bob King  
**Song Leader:** Cindy Breeze; **Piano:** Kathy Springer  
**Children's Story:** Lesley Deem  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn  
**Worship Nursery:** Donna Nelson Evans & Marcia E. Nelson  
**SS Nursery:** Mary Hines & Melissa Shungu  
**Stewards:** Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken  
**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore  
**Visuals:** Tammie Bouseman

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT FMC:

*Pentecost & Celebration of Our Graduates*  
**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 & Acts 2 (excerpts)  
**Scripture Reader:** Tammie Bouseman  
**Greeters:** Kate Falk & Greg Sancken  
**Worship Leader:** Rosalee Otto  
**Song Leader:** Pastor Deb; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda  
**Children's Story:** Cindy Breeze  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom & Audio:** Chuck Gibson  
**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Tom Sutter; **SS Nursery:** Doug Malcolm & Pete Shungu  
**Stewards:** Lynne Sancken & Denny Seaman  
**Refreshments:** Keith & Kathy Springer  
**Visuals:** Sheryl Dyck

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