



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 5, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Right: Love never gives up.

Left: Love cares more for others than for self.

Right: Love doesn't covet.

Left: Love doesn't call attention to itself.

Right: Love doesn't force itself on others.

Left: Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

Right: Love doesn't gloat over the misfortunes of others.

Left: Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.

Right: Love trusts God always.

Left: Love always looks for the best for all.

Right: Love sees God in all things.

Left: Love endures to the end.

All: Love never dies. We wait to unite fully with the one great love.

For the journey we have faith, hope, and love. The greatest is love.

***Gathering hymn #7** "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #636** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

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

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

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Mark 12:28 – 31

Sermon

***Response Hymn #519** "God, Give Me Faith like a Child"

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

Offertory *Anointing Fall on Me*

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 #804** "There Is More Love Somewhere"

*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)

SUNDAY

- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3p)

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)

TUESDAY

- Summer Availability forms due.

WEDNESDAY

- FMC Council (6p)

THURSDAY

- 2024 FIP Climate Action Lobby Day (bus leaves from FMC)
- Final Spring Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Spiritual Leadership Team (11:30a)

FRIDAY

- Fri. AM Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

SATURDAY

- FMC Work Day (8:30a-12p)

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

This Tuesday, May 7 – Deadline to complete online summer availability form. The online form was emailed to all who indicated on the Fall “Work of the Church” volunteer form a willingness to help with roles on Sunday mornings. If you didn’t complete a form last Fall, but wish to do so, please contact the church office (office@fmc-cu.org).

This Thursday, May 9 – Extra cars will be parked in the FMC lot because it will be the gathering point for the bus transporting people to Springfield for the annual Faith in Place Climate Action Lobby Day. There will be enough parking spaces for Thursday Morning Bible Study participants.

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

Next 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. During fellowship time we will have special refreshments in honor of the graduates.

May 21 at 5:30 pm at FMC - Taco Tuesday. 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; to help with the main meal or setup/cleanup, sign up online.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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: Lynne Sancken & Greg Sancken

Refreshments: Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

Visuals: Sheryl Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12 AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57; Mark 12:26-27a

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: Marcia E. Nelson & Donna E. Nelson; **SS Nursery:** Mary Hines & Melissa S.

Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Greg Sancken

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

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