



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 14, 2024

The Lord's Prayer, Part 5



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #28 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome and prayer

Call to Worship *(based on hymnal #862)*

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers, open our hearts to praise you,

East: That we might live the full truth of who we are,

West: That we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;

Leader: Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,

East: That we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,

West: That we might be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to the world.

ALL: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. Amen.

*Praising Hymn #156 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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

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

Scripture Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon

*Response hymn #150 "Gentle God, When We Are Driven"

Prayer & Offertory *(Ushers will come by with offering plates)*

Congregational Sharing & Prayer *(use the mic or text prayers to pastor Deb)*

The Lord's Prayer (handout)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church *(come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)*

*Sending hymn #835 "Go Now in Peace"

*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.



SUMMER CLASSES THROUGH JULY (No Sunday School on June 30 and during August)

Share Your Passion (a class for all ages): Fellowship Hall, Downstairs

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

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

TODAY

- Worship, fellowship & Sunday school
- Deadline for Taco Tuesday signup

TUESDAY

- Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte (4p)
- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Facilities Committee (5:30p)

THURSDAY

- RJWG Lunch at J. Guthrie's home (12p)
- Final FMC softball at Dodds, Field 7 (9p)

NEXT SUNDAY

- Worship, fellowship & Sunday school
- Dual Conference Status Congregational Discussion (12:30p)

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

Today during Sunday school for all ages - Donna Nelson Evans leads "Tis a Gift to be Simple", making simple gift bags with the art of collage.

Today – Deadline to RSVP for the July 16 at 5:30 pm, FMC fellowship hall - Taco Tuesday. Bring a taco topping, side, or dessert to share, though it's not required. Volunteers are needed to set up or clean up; contact the church office if you can help.

This Thursday, July 18 at 12p at the Urbana home of Janet Elaine Guthrie - Racial Justice Working Group lunch and mini-retreat. For all FMCers interested in education, prayer, and action on behalf of race relations, Indigenous sovereignty, reparations and right remembering. Host Janet Elaine Guthrie will provide lunch. Please text (217-840-3314) or email (janet.elaine@att.net) by this Tuesday, July 16, to let Janet know you are coming.

Sunday, July 21 at 12:30 pm in the FMC sanctuary – Congregational discussion about our dual conference status. Bring your own lunch; desserts will be provided in the fellowship hall for you to eat with your lunch. Copies of the background information from Council are on the FYI table near the office,

Wednesday, July 24, 6 pm at the home of Sheryl Dyck - Women's Night Out Garden Party. More details to come.

Saturday, July 27, 9-11 am at the Friends Meeting (1904 E. Main St, Urbana) - Join the Friends Meeting and FMC Green Teams for a tour of 27 varieties of native trees, shrubs and plants. From 9-10 we will tour the plants; from 10-11am we will discuss herbicide pollution and 2024 Farm Bill legislation. Bring a folding chair if possible. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Sharon Monday.

Through Mid-August – MCC's School Kit Challenge Collection of collecting 24,000 school kits to help 24,000 school children. The Service and Outreach Committee invites you to donate items for the Challenge. Many of these items are currently on sale in stores. Copies of the supply list are on the FYI table near the office or can be viewed online: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>. Place your donations in the labeled collection box near the church office. Questions? Contact Randy Nelson.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Cindi Schieber & Bev Hertle

Worship Leader: Abby Crosby

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Bev Birkey Potts

Scripture Reader: Sam Cox

Children's Story: Lesley Deem

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson

Visuals: Rea Koehn & Nat Schneider

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Donna Nelson Evans

Stewards: Thom Moore & Laurence Koehn

Refreshments: Dianna Black & Rhonda Gibson

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21 AT FMC:

Theme: *The Lord's Prayer, Part 6: Trial & Deliverance*

Scripture: Habakuk 1:1-4; 2:1-3 & Matthew 26:36-46

Greeters: Cindi Schieber & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Pastor Deb

Scripture Reader: Eliza Crosby

Children's Story: John MacLean

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

Visuals: Rea Koehn & Nat Schneider

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Marcia E. Nelson

Stewards: Randy Nelson & Laurence Koehn

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

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