



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 25, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship in Unison (*Voices Together #859*)

*Gathering hymn #11 "Mountain of God"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #778 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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

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

Scripture John 6:1-14

Reflections

*Response hymn #757 "There's Enough for All"

Communion (Please remain seated. The communion elements will be brought to you.)

Communion Hymn #477 "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

Prayer & Offertory (*Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows*)

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

Introduction of visitors

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

*Sending hymn #485 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

*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

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Fellowship, refreshments and children's snacks (for ages 1 year through Grade School). Parents, please assist your children during snack time. We do not have Sunday school during August.

Beginning in September, education opportunities for all ages will resume from 11:15am-12pm.

Childcare for infants and toddlers will be provided in the nursery. We will also begin serving coffee and lemonade again.



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

TODAY

- Safe Church Training after Worship
- FMC potluck after the Safe Church Training
- Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber

WEDNESDAY

- Pastor Deb is away Aug 28 – Sep 3

THURSDAY

- FMC sanctuary reserved (6-9pm)

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

- Work of the Church Sunday, with an information fair during fellowship time
- Fall Sunday school quarter begins

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

TODAY:

- Immediately after worship – Our annual Safe Church Training. Everyone ages Kindergarten and up is invited to join this multi-generational, active conversation about what makes FMC safe and supportive for all. After the training, you are invited to stay for a church potluck.
- Submissions for the September issue of The Vine are due to Cindi Schieber.

This Wednesday, August 28 through Tuesday, September 3 – Pastor Deb will be out of the office. Contact Pastor Michael with pastoral care needs.

Next Sunday, September 1:

- Fall Sunday school classes begin (see handout for details)
- Work of the Church Sunday, featuring a fellowship time “information fair” about committee roles and other volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Bible studies begin in September (all are welcome to attend one or both):

- Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study begins September 4 at 8am. The group meets weekly to discuss the upcoming Sunday scriptures.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study begins September 12 at 9:30 am. Look for details next Sunday.

Thursdays, September 5 – November 7, from 12:15-12:45 pm, FMC sanctuary - Election Season Contemplative Prayer. Offer your fears, hopes, anxieties, sorrows, and longings to God, and listen for the Spirit's leading about what faithfulness to Jesus looks like in these moments. The service will be available in-person and on Zoom.

Update from the FMC Mennonite College Scholarship Committee – We have a student attending a Mennonite college this year. The college matches \$1,000 given by the student's Mennonite congregation. We still need \$300 to meet our donation of \$1,000. If you wish to make a contribution, please note “college scholarship fund” in the memo line when making a contribution (payable to FMC).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Mark Evans & Cynthia Nafziger

Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Pete Shungu

Scripture Reader: Tim Clink

Reflections: Earl Kellogg & Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Randy Nelson

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Worship Nursery: Karla Woodson & Doug Malcolm

Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Tom Sutter

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT FMC:

Work of the Church Sunday

Scripture: Numbers 3-4 (excerpts); Galatians 5:22-26

Greeters: Maiga Muga & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm

Scripture Reader: Cathy Schneider

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

Visuals: Sheryl Dyck

Worship Nursery: Paid caregiver & Abby Crosby

Sunday school Nursery: Paid caregiver & TBD

Stewards: Mark Evans & Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

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