

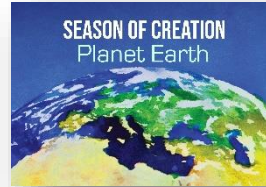


WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

August 4, 2024



### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship *(from Hymnal: A Worship Book)*

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

**People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you, the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

**People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

**People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

**ALL: We worship you – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. AMEN.**

\*Gathering hymn #495 "Morning Has Broken"

#### Welcome and prayer

\*Praising Hymn #182 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#### 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 Psalm 19 and Psalm 104

#### Sermon

\*Response hymn #179 "At the Dawn of Your Creation"

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 #812 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#### \*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, water and children's snacks (for ages 1 year through Grade School) downstairs in the fellowship hall. 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 - preschoolers 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- Worship, followed by fellowship (No Sunday school in August)

### MONDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Ice Cream Social Kick-off to benefit Arthur Menn. Relief Sale (11:30a)

### NEXT SUNDAY

- Worship (theme: Season of Creation), followed by fellowship. No Sunday school in August.

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

**TODAY after worship – Fellowship, water and children's snacks will be served downstairs in the fellowship hall.** No Sunday school is held in August.

**Pastor Michael will be out of the office through this Thursday, August 8.** Please contact Pastor Deb with pastoral care needs.

**Tomorrow, August 5, from 5-8 pm at the Arthur Community Building (120 E Progress, St. in Arthur, IL) - Ice Cream Social Kick-off for the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale.** Donation for the event help to offset some of the upfront costs of the Arthur Relief Sale, which will be held on August 23 & 24 at the Otto Center, just south of the intersection of Vine St. & Highway 133 in Arthur, IL.

### Next Sunday, Aug 11, during worship:

- Season of Creation, with a focus on the sky.
- Backpack blessing for the start of the school year. Teachers and students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack for the blessing.

### August 18:

- During fellowship time - Our Green Team will have letters available to sign and space for a personal note to explain why the passage of a food and climate just farm bill is important to you (read more information in the Vine; link will be in the August 6 email).** The letters will be collected and delivered to our Congressional Representatives.
- Deadline for our MCC's School Kit Challenge Collection.** Copies of the supply list are on the FYI table near the office.
- Deadline to rsvp for our August Taco Tuesday Dinner at 5:30 pm in the FMC fellowship hall.**  
A few main items are needed, along with setup/cleanup. Let us know if you can help.

**Sunday, August 18, 4-6 pm at the Crystal Lake Park Large Pavilion – Interfaith End of Summer Picnic.** Grilled items (meat and vegetarian) and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, or just bring yourself. Come for fellowship and fun (yard games, bubbles & more).

**Sunday, August 25 after worship – Our annual Safe Church Training, followed by a church potluck.**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Tim Clink & Karen McKenzie  
**Worship Leader:** Keith Springer  
**Song Leader:** Bev Birkey Potts; **Piano:** Janet MacLean  
**Children's Story:** Tammie Bouseman  
**Scripture Reader:** Karen McKenzie  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb  
**Zoom:** John MacLean; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken  
**Worship Nursery:** Courtney Malcolm & Cindi Schieber  
**Stewards:** Mary Krick & Greg Sancken  
**Water & Children's snacks:** Marcia E. & Randy Nelson

## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 AT FMC:

*Season of Creation: Sky*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 4:23-28 and Mark 15:33-39

**Greeters:** Tim Clink & Bev Hertle

**Worship Leader:** Earl Kellogg

**Music:** Worship Band

**Children's Story:** Randy Nelson

**Scripture Reader:** Sheryl Dyck

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom & Audio:** Chuck Gibson

**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

**Worship Nursery:** Rebecca Bare & Kathy Springer

**Stewards:** Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

**Water & Children's snacks:** Cheryl Koranda & Rachel Miller-Houghton

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