



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 27, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #882

*Gathering hymn #377

"New Earth, Heavens New" (chosen by Marcia E. Nelson)

Welcome

Prayer Hymn #718

"Gentle Shepherd" (chosen by Emerson Nafziger)

*Praising Hymn #182

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (chosen by Rosalee Otto)

Children's story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program (www.simbd.org/app)

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

*Hymn #63

"Like a Rock"

SCRIPTURE AND HYMNS OF PRAISE

Psalm 98 (Inclusive Bible)

*Hymn #436

"How Great Thou Art" (chosen by Rebecca Bare and Greg Sancken)

*Hymn #136

"Santo (Holy)" (chosen by Jan Sabey)

SCRIPTURE AND HYMNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 11:28-30 (Common English Bible)

Hymn #628

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (chosen by Norma Nelson)

Hymn #426

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (chosen by Marcia E. Nelson)

SCRIPTURE AND HYMNS OF HOPE

Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39 (Common English Bible)

*Hymn #653

"Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God" (chosen by Janet E. Guthrie, Bev Hertle & Lynne Sancken)

Hymn #440

"Ask the Complicated Questions" (chosen by John MacLean)

Green Hymnal #98

"All Will Be Well" (chosen by Rhonda Gibson)

Prayer & Offertory

"Take, O Take Me as I Am" - Hymnal #748 (chosen by Mary Krick)

(Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows)

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

Introduction of visitors

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

*Benediction hymn #846

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (chosen by Ken Moyer)

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

Note: Bolded names indicate people who are speaking briefly about their chosen hymn.

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.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm (unless noted otherwise).

ADULT CLASSES (SEP – NOV) (upstairs/downstairs)

Note: In place of regular adult Sunday school classes today, all adults are invited to engage with Bryan Miller in a discussion about our conference proposal. Classes for 2 years – middle school will be held as usual.

Painting Through the Scriptures (11a-12p): Library (*Guests welcome in this class as space allows*)

Engaging with Our Neighbors in Divisive Times: Sanctuary

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

Mennonites 101: Room 5, Downstairs

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6

Grades K-2: Room 10/11

Grades 3-5: Room 3

Grades 6-8: Room 7



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

Today:

- **Pastor Michael is out of the office; he will be back in the office on Tuesday.**
- **Deadline for November Vine submissions.** Email items to Cindi Schieber.

Change in weekday parking - On weekdays, please park in the main lot instead of in front of our fenced yard (to the north of the church building). The trash company needs more space by the dumpsters to accommodate its truck. You can park in front of the fenced yard on weekends.

This Saturday, November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Alice Di Micele benefit concert for the Tiny “Dome House” project. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ADiMiceleNov2Concert>.

If you can help provide cookies for refreshments after the concert, please contact Randy Nelson.

This Saturday, November 2 – Please set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening in preparation for the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Next Sunday, November 3:

- **Service of Remembrance during worship**
- **There will be tables with a card for each of our undergraduate students downstairs in the fellowship hall.** You are invited to write a note of encouragement for each student as they prepare for finals. The Christian Education Committee has funds to send each student some money for finals week treats. The gesture is a meaningful way to let them know we are thinking about them and praying for them during this stressful time.

Wednesday, November 6 – Deadline for providing your availability for the winter service list (Dec–Feb). People who indicated a willingness to help out with Sunday morning roles on the September “Work of the Church” form were emailed a link to give their availability. **If you didn't fill out a “Work of the Church” form, but would like to, please contact the church office as soon as possible.**

Saturday, November 9, 8:30am-Noon – FMC Fall Work Day. Children, youth and adults are invited to help spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee and donuts are provided. Rain date: November 23rd.

Our Election Contemplative Prayer Services, Thursdays from 12:15-12:45pm, will continue for the next few months.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Details at: www.fmc-cu.org/events)

TODAY

- Fellowship meals in homes (pre-registration)
- Submission deadline for the Vine

TUESDAY

- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee (4p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Election Season Contemplative Prayer (12:15p)
- Pastor Deb out of the office through Saturday

SATURDAY

- Alice Di Micele Concert at FMC (6:30p)
- Set clocks back 1 hour in the evening, DST ends at 2 am on Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Service of Remembrance during worship

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Sam Cox & Donna Evans

Worship Leader: Phil Martens

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Pastor Deb

Children's Story: Marcia E. Nelson

Scripture Reader: Beth Rempe

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Biddle

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tom Sutter

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Dianna Black and Peter Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 3 AT FMC:

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 and Mark 12:28-34

Greeters: Rosalee Otto & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Megan Cox

Scripture Reader: Rosalee Otto

Sermon & Congregational Sharing:

Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Bob King

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

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