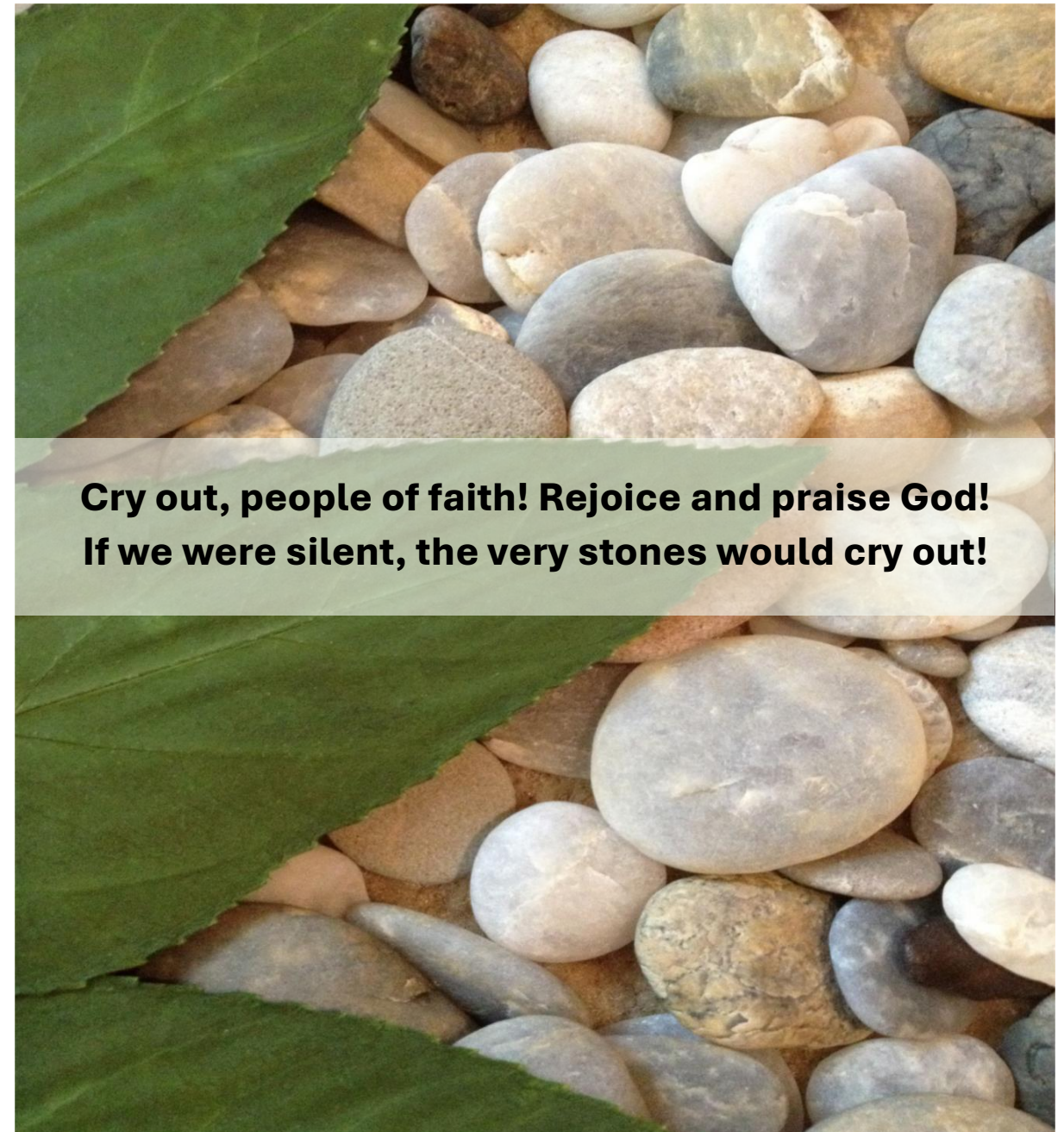




WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.



**Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!
If we were silent, the very stones would cry out!**

Celebration of Worship

April 13, 2025



Christ Defies Our Expectations

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Call to worship**

Congregation: repeat this refrain after each phrase the worship leader says: **HOSANNA!**

***Gathering Hymn #312** "Jesus is Coming"

(The congregation is invited to process around the sanctuary with palms)

Welcome & prayer

Scripture Luke 19:29-40

Hymn #313 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

(Children are invited to process around the sanctuary with palms; placing their offering for Immigrant Services of CU in the basket at the front of the sanctuary)

Skit *Entry into Jerusalem*

Piano side, when cued: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Podium side, when cued: Peace in heaven and glory in the name of the Lord!

Nursery children are dismissed

Responsive Reading

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

People: If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Leader: Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna, God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

People: Hosanna, God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

***Hymn #315** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Scripture Luke 19:41-48

Hymn #146 "Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn"

Scripture Luke 22:1-13

Hymn #465 "Prepare for Me a Room"

Skit *Washing the Disciples Feet*

Hymn #490 "Jesus Took a Towel"

Scripture Luke 22:14-21

Hymn #476 "Eat This Bread"

Skit *Betrayal and Arrest*

Hymn #627 "Stay with Me"

Skit *At the Crucifixion*

Prayer & Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

(Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows)

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

***Sending Hymn #773** "Ubi Caritas"

***Benediction**

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

Visuals: The artwork hanging at the front of the sanctuary was created by Donna Evans.

The wooden cross on the communion table was made by Perry Biddle.

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 large print hymnals are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.