



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

April 27, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Gathering hymn #133 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Welcome & Unison Prayer (hymnal #861)

*Praising Hymn #81 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Hymn #91 "We Praise Thee, O God"

Scripture Acts 5:27-32; John 21:1-19

Sermon

*Response hymn #344 "Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing"

Prayer & Offertory

Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows; yellow prayer cards may be placed in the plates.

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 #830 "Go, My Children"

*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.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm.

ADULT CLASSES (MARCH - MAY) (upstairs/downstairs)

Pathways to Repair: Sanctuary
Planning for End of Life: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)
Young Adults: Room 5 (downstairs)

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 3
Grades 3 – 5: Room 10/11
Grades 6-8: Room 7



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

TODAY, April 27:

- Submissions for the May Vine newsletter are due to Cindi Schieber.
- FMC is reserved for a private recital (5-9p).

TODAY - FMC "God's Love Knows No Borders" T-shirts are available for purchase downstairs during fellowship time. Lynne Sancken has set up the display and will take payments/distribute shirts. The cost is \$22 and payment is due upon receipt of the shirt. Payment can be made by cash or by check (**payable to FMC, with T-shirt in the memo line**). If you didn't come prepared to pay today, shirts can be purchased in the office going forward. Payment is due upon receipt of the shirt. Payment methods will be exact cash (we can't make change) or by check (payable to FMC with "T shirt" in the memo line).

This Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4 – Pastor Michael is attending the *Fabulous, Fierce & Sacred* gathering in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests. Contact Pastor Deb with pastoral care needs.

Next Sunday, May 4 during worship – Pastor Renée Antrosio from New Covenant Fellowship in Champaign will be our guest preacher. Pastor Antrosio will speak at the Pathways to Repair Sunday school class and share about New Covenant's Reparations Project.

Saturday, May 17, 8a-12n – FMC Spring Work Day. Join us in helping to spruce up the FMC building and grounds. Donuts, bagels and juice will be provided. Information about work day tasks will be available soon. People will also be able to sign up to do a task at another time if unavailable on May 17.

Coming up in May:

- **May 11 (Mother's Day)** – During worship, we will have a child dedication for Gideon Malcolm. During fellowship time, we will have treats in honor of all those who mother.
- **May 18** – We will offer a blessing for all graduates (middle school and older) during worship and will have special refreshments during fellowship time. If you are graduating from middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, please contact the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) so that we can include you in our celebration booklet.

Save the Date – Our all-church FMC retreat at Camp Menno Haven (Tiskilwa, IL), August 29-31. Our theme for this retreat is: *Rooted in Peace*. Read the Vine for more information about why you might want to attend!

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Facilities Committee (12n)
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3-5p)
- FMC reserved for private event (5-9p)
- Deadline to submit articles for May Vine

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10a)
- Pastor Michael away Fri - Sun

NEXT SUNDAY, May 4

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Guest Preacher: Pastor Renée Antrosio
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3-5p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Cathy Schneider, Bev Hertle & Katherine Pooh (youth assistant)

Worship Leader: Wilmer Otto

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Janet MacLean

Scripture Reader: Cathy Schneider

Children's Story: Marcia E. Nelson

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson

Visuals: Worship Committee

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Krick

Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Randy Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY, May 4 AT FMC:

Greeters: Cathy Schneider & Bob King

Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare

Scripture Reader: Keith Springer

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-2, 7-8a, 19-22a & Exodus 11:1-3 (Common English Bible version)

Sermon: Pastor Renée Antrosio, New Covenant

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk

Visuals: Worship Committee

Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

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