



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 11, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour *arr. By Marshall McDonald*

Call to Worship

Hymnal #854

*Gathering hymn #129

"O Worship Our God"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #138

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Dedication of Gideon

Congregational response (unison)

Doug and Courtney, you have offered Gideon to the strong and tender providence of God.

We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of Gideon.

With God as our guide, we will share in Gideon's nurture and well-being.

**We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home,
where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you.**

May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Hymn #514

"I Saw A Tree"

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30

Sermon

*Response hymn #640

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Prayer & Offertory

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

The index cards are available on the greeter stand and in holders on the back of chairs throughout the sanctuary.

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 #556

"I Bind My Heart This Tide"

*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:

- During fellowship time, we will have special refreshment in honor of all who mother.
- The Acts of Repair Sunday School class will welcome guest speaker Naomi Simmons-Thorne, who will present on recent efforts of the Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition. Simmons-Thorne (she/her) is currently a doctoral student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she studies in the Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership, with an emphasis on philosophy of education.

Tom Sutter is having foot surgery tomorrow (Monday). If you can help provide a meal for Tom and Pastor Deb in the next few weeks, please sign up.

This week – The FMC office will be closed on Friday. Please give Rhonda information for the service or announcements by Wednesday; the bulletin will be printed on Thursday. If you have a question or need help on Friday, please call the cell phone of Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb.

This 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 can be found downstairs. People can also signup to do a task at another time if unavailable on May 17.

Next Sunday, May 18:

- We will offer a blessing for all graduates (middle school and older) during worship and will have special refreshments during fellowship time in their honor.
- Rev. Bill Cork, VA hospital chaplain and member of Houston Mennonite Church, will be our guest preacher. Rev. Cork has visited FMC a handful of times when in CU to see his daughter, who is graduating from the Vet. Med. school at UIUC. He will preach from his experience as a chaplain who has witnessed and studied the social, emotional, and spiritual costs of war.
- Deadline to signup to help with main items for our May 20th Taco Tuesday meal at 5:30 pm. No signup needed to attend. Bring a topping to share if you wish. Help providing main items for the meal are appreciated; signup here to see what main items are still needed and how much to make.

Summer Sunday School will once again feature intergenerational activities and sharing led by you!

What passion, gift, interest, or skill has God given you to share with others? This year's theme is caregiving: What acts of care have you received that have been meaningful? What creative ways have you cared for others? Watch for a flyer with more information and find the sign-up sheet in the downstairs fellowship hall.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY

- Monday Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Council (6p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Facilities Committee-Hybrid (4p)

FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10a)

SATURDAY

- FMC Spring Work Day (8a-12n)

NEXT SUNDAY, May 18

- Worship (9:15a), with celebration of graduates & guest preacher Bill Cork
- Special refreshments in honor of our graduates
- Deadline to signup to help with Taco Tuesday
- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Rhonda & Chuck Gibson, Timothy Herman (youth assistant)

Worship Leader: Randy Nelson

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Cello: Geoffrey Herman

Children's Story: Lindsey Preston

Scripture Reader: Janet MacLean

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Tom Sutter

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

NEXT SUNDAY, May 18 AT FMC:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Martha Moore

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's Story: Lesley Deem

Scripture Reader: Geoffrey Herman

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6 and John 13:31-35

Sermon: Bill Cork, ???

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Joe Crawford

Stewards: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Earl & Jan Kellogg

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