



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 25, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Call to Worship (*based on Revelation 21 and 22*)

Leader: Eternal God, the Beginning and the End, we have gathered in this time and place to worship you who are making all things new.

People: We long for you to create in us your new heaven and new earth.

Leader: Where there will be no mourning, or crying, or pain anymore.

People: Dwell among us and wipe away the tears from our eyes.

Leader: We thirst for the clear waters of life streaming through your new creation.

People: Flood the earth with your light to end all nights and heal all nations.

ALL: You have promised, "All is done." Come, Lord Jesus, come soon!

*Gathering hymn #566

"Somlandela (We Will Follow)"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #453

"As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture

Acts 16:9-15 and John 5:1-9

Sermon

*Response hymn #540

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Prayer & Offertory

Nada te turbe (Let nothing trouble you)

Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows; "sharing" index cards may be placed in the plates. Blank 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 #816

"Guide My Feet"

*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 – Deadline to submit articles for the June Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Pastor Michael is away and will return to the office on Tuesday. Contact Pastor Deb with pastoral care needs.

Tomorrow, May 26, 5-8 pm at the home of the Shungu/Rivera family - Graduation party for college graduate Paula Rivera.

Tomorrow, May 26, 9:30 am - 4 pm, Camp Menno Haven (9301 1575 E. St., Tiskilwa, IL) - Rally Day Open House. Enjoy activities all day at Menno Haven: a potluck lunch (BBQ chicken/drinks provided) and learn what's planned for the summer. Learn more and RSVP: <https://www.mennohaven.com/rallyday.html>.

This Saturday, May 31:

- Graduation party for David Black, 2-4 pm at his home. No RSVP needed.
- Graduation party for Sophie Green & her friend Kara, 5-7:30 pm at Kara's home. RSVP not required but appreciated.

Volunteers are needed starting next Sunday, June 1, to lead our intergenerational June-July Sunday school! The focus is on how we use our passion, gifts, interests or skills to care for others. We currently have many open slots. Informational flyers are on sanctuary chairs. Signup downstairs in the fellowship hall or using the QR code to the right:



Volunteer opportunity for people knowledgeable or willing to be trained to operate Zoom and/or our audio system. We hope to expand the number of volunteers so that our current short list of Zoom/Audio operators can be scheduled a little less frequently. Contact the church office to volunteer (office@fmc-cu.org).

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, May 25)

- Deadline for June Vine submissions
- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3p)

MONDAY

- Camp Menno Haven Open House (9a-4p)
- Graduation party for Paula Rivera at Shungu/Rivera home (5-8p)
- Monday Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

TUESDAY

- FMC Retreat Committee (1p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance At Community UCC (12n)

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (1p)
- Service & Outreach Cmte - Zoom (3:30p)

SATURDAY

- Graduation party at home of David Black (2-4p)
- Graduation party for Sophie Green (5-7:30p)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 1

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Sam Cox

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Laura Lasater

Scripture Reader: Kathy Springer

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Cindi Schieber

Stewards: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Janet & John MacLean, Alexandra Pooh (youth assistant)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 1 AT FMC:

Greeters: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

Worship Leader: Bob King

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Pastor Deb

Children's Story: Rhonda Gibson

Scripture Reader: Michelle Moyer-Litwiller

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Megan Cox

Stewards: Scott Bidner & Bruce Miller

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Norma Nelson

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