



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 4, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship *(based on Mark 12, from "Whispers of God" by Lavon Baylor)*

Leader: Hear, all people, the Sovereign One is God; whose commandments and promises are sure.

People: Teach us your statutes, O God, and grant understanding that we may keep them.

Leader: You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, mind, and strength.

People: We love in response to God's steadfast love and rejoice in the salvation Christ offers.

Leader: God's love prompts us to love ourselves aright and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: We will write these laws on our hearts and teach them to our children.

*Gathering hymn #59

"Father God, You Are Holy (Ehane he'ama)"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #193

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-2, 7-8a, 19-22a; Exodus 11:1-3

Sermon

Whose Neighbor Am I?

*Response hymn #790

"How Can We Be Silent"

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 #297

"You Are Salt for the Earth"

*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)

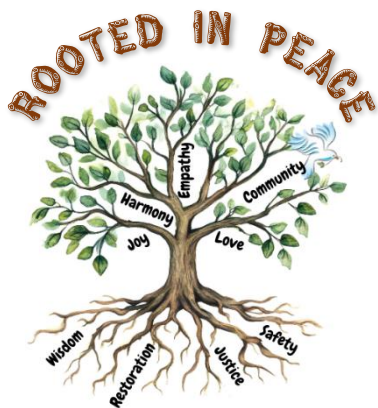
We give thanks for the presence and message of Renée Antrosio, pastor at New Covenant Fellowship in Champaign. Pastor Antrosio will speak at the Pathways to Repair Sunday school class and share about New Covenant's Reparations Project.

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

Next Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) – During worship, we will have a child dedication and special refreshments during fellowship time in honor of all who mother.

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 honor of our graduates. If you are graduating from middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, please contact the church office by May 9 so that we can include you in our celebration booklet.

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping to share if you wish. Help providing main items for the meal are appreciated; please use to know what main items are still needed and how much to make.



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 reasons why you might want to attend!

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3-5p)

MONDAY

- Deadline to reply to office about summer service list availability for those who signed up to help with worship/Sunday morning roles last Fall.

TUESDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-Hybrid (1p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Worship Committee (11:15a)
- Christian Education Committee (3:30p)

NEXT SUNDAY, May 11

- Worship (9:15a), followed by special refreshments in honor of all who mother; with Sunday school to follow
- Child dedication

THANKS TODAY TO:

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 & Cynthia Nafziger
Visuals: Tammie Bouseman
Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, May 11 AT FMC:

Greeters: Rhonda & Chuck Gibson, Timothy Herman (youth assistant)
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Lindsey Preston
Scripture Reader: Janet MacLean
Scripture: Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30
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

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