



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 22, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come in, weary builders in a broken world. Come in from the noise and unrest. Lay down your burdens. Rest a while.
God is near.

People: God is here.

Children: God is here with us.

Leader: We gather to remember our center, our foundation in Christ - where love holds and transforms and peace is possible.

People: God is here.

Children: God is here with us.

Leader: Through the ache of injustice and grief, we listen for God's voice. Come, children of peace - not because all is calm
calm outside, but because Christ is here within us. Let us worship the One who calls us to build, to bless, to belong.

All: We are people of God's peace.

*Gathering hymn #113

"O Sing to the Lord (Cantai ao Senhor)"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #621

"My Hope is Built"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:10-13 and Matthew 5:9

Sermon

*Response hymn #797

"We Are People of God's Peace"

Prayer & Offertory

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 #485

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

*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.

JUNE & JULY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES (11:15AM-12PM)

(No Sunday school during August)

Intergenerational Summer Class

Theme: Sharing how we use our passion, gifts, interests or skills to care for others.

Location: Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee & Conversation (for adults)

A fellowship group open to all, with topics arising weekly from within the group. This is a "brave space" that invites thoughtful sharing about faith from a range of perspectives and experiences.

Location: Downstairs in Room 13



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

Thanks to Menno Simons (aka Doug Malcolm) for bringing us today's sermon.

TODAY during our intergenerational Sunday school class – Bev Hertle, Mary Krick and Sharon Monday lead an interactive session on "De-Lawning and Use of Native Plants."

This week – Rhonda will be out of the office on Tuesday.

Next Saturday, June 28, 10a-12n – "Less Lawn, Going Native." Come view lawns of FMC attendees who added native plants to their property. Pick up a copy of the schedule from the table near the church office.

Next Sunday, June 29 – Deadline for articles for the July Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Next Sunday, June 29, during worship – Sarah Augustine will join us on Zoom to bring us the sermon. Sarah, who is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, is co-founder and Executive Director of the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) and co-founder of [Suriname Indigenous Health Fund](#). She has represented the interests of Indigenous community partners to their own governments, the Inter-American development bank, the United Nations, the Organization of American States Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the World Health Organization, and a host of other international actors including corporate interests.

Next Sunday, June 29, during our intergenerational Sunday school class – John MacLean will lead an interactive session on providing tools to help evaluate what we hear/read.

Registration is open for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven, Aug. 29-31. Registration forms are on the retreat table display; you can also register online.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Facilities Committee-Hybrid (12:15p)

MONDAY

- Monday Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance – at UU Church (12p)
- Service & Outreach Committee-Hybrid (3:30p)
- FMC Council (6p)

SATURDAY

- FMC "Less Lawn" viewing (10a-12p)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 29

- Worship (9:15a) with guest preacher Sarah Augustine, followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Deadline to submit July Vine articles

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Janet Liechty

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Pam Peña Martin

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman

Scripture Reader: Peter Dyck

Sermon: Menno Simons (aka Doug Malcolm)

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Phil Martens

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, June 29 AT FMC:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Janet E. Guthrie

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Sharon Monday

Scripture Reader: Tim Clink

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39 and Psalm 43

Sermon (via Zoom): Sarah Augustine

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Joe Crawford

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer

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