



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 29, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship (*handout on chairs*)

*Gathering hymn #715 "Longing for Light"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #714 "Let There Be Light"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture Luke 8:26-39 and Psalm 43

Sermon

*Response hymn #285 "Cast Out, O Christ"

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 #526 "You Are the God within Life"

*Benediction

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

Thank you to Sarah Augustine for bringing us today's sermon. Sarah Augustine is the Executive Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, a national coalition with global reach. From 2017-2022 she directed a Dispute Resolution Center in Central Washington. She has served on the faculty at Heritage University, Central Washington University and Yakima Valley College, and has served as Adjunct faculty at Goshen College. 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 Council of Churches, the World Health Organization, and a host of other international actors including corporate interests. Sarah lives with her daughter in Tacoma, Washington.

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)

TODAY during our intergenerational Sunday school class – Nat Schneider will lead a class on Tae Kwon Do focusing on the philosophy of the discipline and a few simple movements.

Nat plans to make it accessible to a variety of physical capabilities.

TODAY – Deadline for articles for the July Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Starting tomorrow, June 30 – Pastor Michael is on vacation through July 6. July 7-12, both Pastor Michael and Pastor Deb will be at the MC USA Convention in North Carolina. Pastor Deb will then be on vacation July 13-28.

This Friday, July 4 – The FMC office will be closed for the holiday.

Next Sunday, July 6, during our intergenerational Sunday school class - Katherine Pooh leads a class on crochet.

Coming July 13 – August 10 – The Service & Outreach Committee invites you to participate in a MCC school kit supply drive. The committee hopes to collect supplies to complete 40 kits. Details about the specific supplies needed coming soon (school supplies will likely be on sale in July).

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish. Help is appreciated; please sign up to know what main items are needed and how much to make.

Tuesday, July 15 before and after Taco Tuesday:

- 5pm: Prayer and banner unfurling on the FMC lawn
- 6:30pm: Panel discussion featuring local speakers Al Mytty, who recently visited Hebron, West Bank with Community Peacemaker Teams, and Dua Aldasouqi, director, CU Muslim Action Cmte.

July 31 at 5:30 pm - The Service & Outreach Committee hosts an FMC All-Church Read of *Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza* by Munther Isaac, a Palestinian and Lutheran pastor in the West Bank. As part of our commitment to learn and act on behalf of Palestine, read the book then come to the open discussion at FMC. A bulk order (\$25 suggested donation) will be placed on July 7; if you want a copy, sign up **no later than July 6.**

Register for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven, Aug. 29-31. Registration forms are on the retreat table display.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, June 29)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school
- Deadline to submit articles for July Vine

MONDAY

- Pastor Michael is away June 30 – July 12

TUESDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-Hybrid (1p)

THURSDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10a)

FRIDAY

- FMC office closed for the holiday

NEXT SUNDAY, July 6

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:15p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Pam Peña-Martin

Children's Story: Sharon Monday

Scripture Reader: Tim Clink

Sermon (via Zoom): Sarah Augustine

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Joe Crawford

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

NEXT SUNDAY, July 6 AT FMC:

Greeters: Sharon Monday & Karen McKenzie

Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Cindi Schieber

Scripture Reader: Mark Jaeger

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 and John 15:1-8

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Marcia E. Nelson

Stewards: Mary Krick & Clark Breeze

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

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