



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 20, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship *(from Hymnal: A Worship Book #673)*

Leader: O God, author of eternal light, lead us in our worshipping this day:

People: that our lips may praise you,

Leader: our lives may bless you,

People: and our meditations glorify you,

Leader: through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

*Gathering hymn #436

"How Great Thou Art"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #412

"My Soul Cries Out"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Dedication of Milo and Emilia

Congregational blessing *(handout on chairs)*

Hymn #42

"Could It Be That God Is Singing"

Reception of New Members: Joe and Annie

Congregational blessing *(reverse side of handout)*

Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Words of Witness from MC USA Convention

*Response hymn #540

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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 #835

"Go Now in Peace"

*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)

TODAY during intergenerational Sunday school class - Maisie Sparks will present on "photo albums, the digital publication way – a blessing for family and friends."

Pastor Deb is on vacation through July 28. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

Now through August 17 – The Service & Outreach Committee invites you to participate in a MCC school kit supply drive. We hope to collect supplies to complete 40 kits. Pick up a copy of the supply list on the table near the church office and place supplies in the labeled bin.

Next Saturday, July 26 – The Christian Education Committee meets to begin planning Sunday school programming for next year (Sept – May). Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey to better help them plan for adult, youth and children Sunday school classes.

Next Sunday, July 27:

- **Articles for August Vine are due to Cindi Schieber.**
- **During intergenerational Sunday school** – UI atmospheric science student Jonathan G. leads an interactive class on how to interpret radar information and prepare for severe weather in central IL. This is the final intergenerational Sunday school class. No Sunday school will be held in August.

Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm - 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. You are invited to read the book then come to the open discussion at FMC.

Sunday, August 10 – Registration deadline for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven, Aug. 29-31. Forms are on the retreat table display; you can also register online. Questions? Contact a retreat committee member: David Needham, Mary Biddle, Rhonda Gibson or Pastor Michael.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, July 20)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school
- Facilities Committee – in FMC library (12:15p)

TUESDAY

- FMC Retreat Committee (10a)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance (12n) – Church of Jesus Christ of LDS in Champaign

FRIDAY

- Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery (DoDD) Decolonial Worship-Zoom (3p)

SATURDAY

- Christian Ed. Cmte Retreat at FMC (9a-12n)

NEXT SUNDAY, July 27

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Deadline for August submissions for the Vine

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman, Kate Falk, Alexandra Pooh (youth assistant)

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Laura Lasater

Scripture Reader: Mark Evans

Words of Witness: Donna Evans, David Schrag & Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

NEXT SUNDAY, July 27 AT FMC:

Greeters: Sam Cox & Kate Falk

Worship Leader: Geoffrey Herman

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Bruce Miller

Scripture Reader: Katherine Pooh

Scripture: Luke 8:1-3

Sermon: Helena von Freyburg

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

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