



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 6, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, help us in these times to be a faithful people.

People: Use your free will with God's guidance for Justice.

Leader: Shape us, as You are the root and vine from which we grow.

People: Seek God in community, scripture and actions that are just.

Leader: But there are many temptations for gaining only worldly power to do just things.

**People: Be faithful to God's word and promise that God will mold you in partnership
with your own work to be lights in this dark world.**

Leader: We are grateful for your word and promises. Help us be the faithful people for which we are called.
We seek to listen to your Spirit.

ALL: Let us worship together.

*Gathering hymn #549

"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #556

"I Bind My Heart This Tide"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture

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

Sermon

*Response hymn #538

"Not By Your Might"

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 Deb)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)

*Sending hymn #773

"Ubi caritas et amor"

*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 our intergenerational Sunday school class – Katherine P. leads a class on crochet.

TODAY – Deadline for signing up for a copy of Christ in the Rubble, ahead of our July 31 book discussion. On 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.

This week, July 7-12 – Pastor Michael and Pastor Deb will be at the MC USA Convention in North Carolina. Text or call their cell phone if you have a pastoral care need.

Next Sunday, July 13 – Child dedication for Arlo and reception of three new members.

Next Sunday, July 13 during intergenerational Sunday school class – The Hermans will lead "Fitness for All", a fitness/stretching class for all ages and levels.

Beginning next Sunday, July 13 through August 17 – 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. Pick up a list of specific supplies needed from the table near the church office. More information about the project is in the July Vine.

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 use the signup link 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.

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

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, July 6)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:15p)
- Deadline for signing up to get a copy of Christ in the Rubble

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- Deadline to signup to help with Taco Tuesday

THANKS TODAY TO:

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

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Chuck Gibson

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

Stewards: Mary Krick & Clark Breeze

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

NEXT SUNDAY, July 13 AT FMC:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Karen McKenzie

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken

Scripture: Jeremiah 36:1-8; 21-23, 27-31 & John 5:31-38

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

Stewards: Mary Krick & Rebecca Bare

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Mary Hines & Karla Woodson

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