



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 10, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #851

*Gathering hymn #7

"Come, Let US All Unite to Sing"

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn #664

"Be Still, My Soul"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Dedication of Benjamin Needham

Congregational blessing (*handout on chairs*)

Hymn #510

"Today Earth Is Singing"

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 and John 16:7-15

Sermon

*Response hymn #396

"May You Be Rooted and Grounded"

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 #849

"We, Your People, Sing Your Praises"

*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.

There is no Sunday school during the month of August.

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

TODAY, Sunday, August 10 – Final day to register 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.

Tomorrow and each Monday at 6:30 pm at the Red Herring (Channing-Murray Foundation, 1209 W Oregon St, Urbana) – All are welcome to attend a fundraising dinner for Gaza.

Next Sunday, August 17:

- **During worship – Backpack blessing for the start of the new year.** Teachers and students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack for the blessing.
- **Final collection day for our MCC school kit supply drive.** We hope to collect supplies to complete 40 kits. A list of supplied still needed is on the collection table near the office.
- **Signup deadline to help with main items for the Aug. 19 Taco Tuesday meal.**

Tuesday, August 19:

- **At 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal.** Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish.
- **At 6:30 pm after the meal - The Service and Outreach Committee invites you to listen to Dr. Drew Strait's audio on "Mennonite Public Faith and the Rise of Religious Nationalism."** Dr. Strait is Associate Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is the author of the recent book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* which will be the text for a Sunday school class this fall.

Friday, August 22 & Saturday, August 23 at the Otto Center in Arthur, IL - 63rd Annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale to benefit MCC. Visit the website for details: www.arthurreliefale.org/.

Sunday, August 31 – No Sunday morning worship at FMC, due to the all-church retreat.

Sunday, September 7, 4-6pm, Crystal Lake Park, Urbana – Annual Summer Picnic hosted by the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County. We will be in the large pavilion, accessible from Park Street. Join us for some relaxed fellowship and fun. Grilled items (meat and vegetarian) and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.

September 13, 4 pm at the Urbana Free Library – FMC Service & Outreach Committee invites us to a discussion of the book "Detained: A Boy's Journal of Survival and Resilience" by D. Esperanza and Gerardo Ivan Morales. Janet Elaine Guthrie recommended this book and is helping to plan the event. Morales will join the book discussion by Zoom and Greg Springer will share personal stories from CU immigrant community. Two copies have been donated to FMC library and are available for check-out.

Friday, Sept. 19 - Sunday Sept. 21 at Camp Friedenswald (Cassapolis, MI) - Annual Women's Retreat. This year's theme is: Rooted in Love: When trees talk. The speaker is Dr. Rev Rosalind Young, ordained minister and MCC Great Lakes Program Coordinator. Visit <https://friedenswald.org/retreats/> for details and to register.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, August 10)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship (No Sunday school in August)

MONDAY

- Mon. Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Council (6p)

THURSDAY

- Thurs. AM Bible Study Potluck Brunch (9:30a)
- Worship Committee (11a)

FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)
- Facilities Committee-Hybrid (12n)

SATURDAY

- Worship Band rehearsal (Time 11a)

NEXT SUNDAY, August 17

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship
- Backpack blessing during worship
- Kids/Youth Sun. School teachers meeting & room clean up (11a)
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:15p)
- Signup deadline to help with Taco Tue. meal

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Rebecca Bare

Worship Leader: Tim Clink

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Lindsey Preston

Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

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

Stewards: Kate Falk & Cynthia Nafziger

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 17 AT FMC:

Greeters: Kate Falk, Keith Springer & Naima (youth assistant)

Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Sharon Monday

Scripture Reader: Dianna Black

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-25

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Hines

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Jan Sabey

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Sheryl Dyck, Tim Clink & Malia (youth assistant)

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