



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

September 28, 2025

Season of Creation: Mountain



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Voices Together #855

***Gathering hymn #122**

"Sing to the God of Harvest"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #530**

"In the Heartbeat of the City"

Children's story and children's offering *(for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) crisis response in Gaza)*

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

Scripture

Psalms 48:1-11

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Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon

***Response hymn #11**

"Mountain of God"

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 #38**

"Life-Giver, Maker, God of All"

***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.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm.

ADULT CLASSES (September - November) (upstairs/downstairs)

Footsteps of Faith: A Global Anabaptist Devotional - Library
Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism - Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Ages 3-5 years: Room 6
Kindergarten – Grade 3: Room 3
Grades 4 – 6: Room 10/11
Grades 7-12: Room 7



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

Pastor Michael is away this weekend and will return to the office on Tuesday.

Today:

- **Deadline for Oct. Vine submissions.** Email items to cindischieber@me.com.
- **Deadline to order an FMC 'God's Love is for Everyone' T-shirt.** Lynne Sancken is taking orders; ask her about cost. Payment is due when you get your shirt from Lynne. The Pride Parade will be held on October 25 at 1 pm.
- **Sunday Spiritual Direction Group meets at 3 pm.**

Tomorrow & Tuesday, September 29-30 – Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit, sponsored by Faith in Place. FMC will host a watch party on September 30 at 5:45 pm. Flyers are on the table near the office or visit aes-summit.org for details and to register.

Beginning this Thursday, October 2, 11:15-11:45am – A vigil for Palestine will be held in our FMC sanctuary each Thursday through Advent. Join in prayer, song, lament and listening for God in this crisis.

Next Sunday, October 5:

- **We will have communion in celebration of World Communion Sunday.**
- **Noon potluck and congregational gathering at 1 pm for a critical component of Pastor Michael's 5-year formal evaluation and our ongoing congregational self-reflection.** We'll meet in focus groups of 6-10 people each, using the process and materials from MC USA's "Appreciative Inquiry."

Thursday, Oct 16 from 5:45-8:45pm - Mennonite Action National Training Tour visits FMC!

You are invited to join a potluck meal, worship, a presentation on authoritarianism in Gaza in the U.S., developing an Anabaptist response, and a training on non-cooperation and nonviolent action. It would be helpful to know if you plan to attend, if you can help coordinate logistics, and if you would like childcare options.

Tuesday, Oct. 24-25 at Penn Station (122 E. Progress St.) in Arthur, IL - Mennonite Disaster Service Region 2 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Illinois MDS Unit. To read more and register, pick up a flyer (on table near office).

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, September 28)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship & Sunday school
- Submission deadline for October Vine
- Deadline for ordering FMC T-shirt.
- Spiritual Direction Group (3p)

TUESDAY

- FMC hosts Faith in Place Summit (5:45p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Worship Committee (11a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible Study (9:30a)
- Weekly vigil for Gaza – in sanctuary (11:15a)

FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)
- Spiritual Leadership Team (3p)

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- Worship (9:15a); communion will be held, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
- Noon potluck & focus groups

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Cathy Schneider & Karla Woodson
Worship Leader: Rosalee Otto
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Piano: Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Sharon Monday
Scripture Readers: Wilmer Otto (Psalm 48:1-11) & Mary Biddle (Isaiah 65:17-25)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Phil Martens
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Cindi Schieber
Stewards: Randy Nelson & Tom Sutter
Visuals: Mary Krick
Refreshments: Cynthia & Emerson Nafziger

NEXT WEEK (October 5) AT FMC:

World Communion Sunday

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Karla Woodson
Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus; **Cello:** Geoffrey Herman
Children's Story: Cindi Schieber
Scripture Reader: Keith Springer
Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Megan Cox
Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black
Stewards: Mary Krick & Thom Moore
Visuals: Tammie Bouseman
Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

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