

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration & Worship

October 12, 2025

Centering chimes (The white candle is the Christ candle; the red candle is lit in solidarity with Palestinians)

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #495 Voices Together #877

*Morning Has Broken"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #270 "In the Beginning"

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 John 1:1-14 and 1 John 2:27

Sermon

*Response hymn #273 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

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 #274 "See Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Benediction

Note: Because worship is participatory and not a performance, instead of applauding please show appreciation for preludes, offertories and special music in other ways, such as ALS, silent applause, saying "Amen" or thanking musicians later.

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.

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

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)

TODAY, October 12 during Sunday school – Mary Biddle will facilitate an "Appreciative Inquiry" small group meeting during Sunday school for those unable to attend last Sunday. The meeting will take place in room #5 in the FMC basement.

Tomorrow, October 13, 2:45 – 4 pm in the FMC library – Vigil for Oak Flat. Join us for a time of prayer and scripture reading, followed by a livestream from Oak Flat by Apache Stronghold from 3-4p.

This Thursday, Oct 16 from 5:45-8:45pm - <u>Mennonite Action</u> (MA) National Training Tour visits **FMC!** There will be a 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.

Tuesday, October 21 - No Taco Tuesday meal, due to having several other meals at FMC in Oct.

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

Sunday, November 2 during worship - Annual Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our November 3, 2024 Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office with the person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). **Submissions due: Friday, Oct 24.**

Thursday, October 23, 5-10 pm at Illini Terminal (45 E. University Ave. Champaign) - Celebrate 40 years of Fair Trade in Champaign. Registration is \$40 at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/40-years-of-fair-trade.

Sunday, October 26 – Submissions for Nov. Vine due to Cindi Schieber.

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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, October 12)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. School
- 2nd small group "Appreciative Inquiry" discussion for people not able to attend last Sunday.

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC parking is carpool location for Faith in Place "People Over Polluters" Springfield rally.

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible Study (9:30a)
- Weekly Vigil for Palestine (11:15a)
- Menn. Action Training at FMC (5:45p)

FRIDAY

• Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

SATURDAY

 FMC parking lot used as carpool location for outside group activity – daytime only.

NEXT SUNDAY (October 19)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. school
- Facilities Committee (12:15p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Kate Falk & Hannah

Needham (youth assistant)

Worship Leaders: Janet Liechty & Katherine Pooh

Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken
Sermon: Pastor Michael & Doug Malcolm
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & David Needham

Stewards: Mark Evans & Mary Krick Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Karla Woodson & Lindsey Preston

NEXT WEEK (Oct. 19) AT FMC:

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Keith Springer

Worship Leader: Tim Clink Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Melissa Shungu Scripture Reader: Mary Biddle

Scripture: Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-17;

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: John MacLean **Audio:** Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Tom Sutter Stewards: Mark Evans & Cynthia Nafziger

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Mary Hines & Bob King