



# Celebration of Worship

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

## Call to Worship

Voices Together #868

**\*Gathering hymn #827**

## “Move in Our Midst”

## Welcome & Prayer

**\*Praising Hymn #536**

## "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**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

Psalm 119:97-104 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Luke 18:1-8

## Sermon

**\*Response hymn #705**

## “For the Healing of the Nations”

## 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 #703**

## “Rain Down”

**\*Benediction**

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

*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.

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)

**This Tuesday, October 21 – No Taco Tuesday meal, since we have had several other meals at FMC in October.**

**This Thursday & Friday, October 23-24 – Rhonda will be out of the office.** Please contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb if you need assistance. **The office will be closed on Friday.**

**This 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.

**This Friday & Saturday, 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.

**This Friday, October 24 – Deadline for submitting information on loved ones you wish to remember during our November 2 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).

**This Saturday, October 25 at 1 pm - Join FMC as we walk in this year's Pride Parade, stepping off in downtown Urbana.** Wear your pride t-shirt or a colorful shirt. There will be a car available for those who need to ride. Meet at #13 in the parade line up, in the RED staging area on Illinois St. (across from the Farmer's Market area of Lincoln Square). Be there by 12:30 pm to walk in the parade.

### Next Sunday, October 26

- **Lawrence Matthews from Mennonite Disaster Service will be our guest preacher.**
- **Submissions for Nov. Vine due to Cindi Schieber.**
- **FMC Discernment Circles, immediately after Sunday school.** These are small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes to discern FMC Council leadership for 2025. Active participants who have attended for at least six months and are high school age or older are invited to participate in person or over Zoom. There will be child care to allow parents to participate in the circles.

**Saturday, November 8 from 8 am - 12noon at FMC - Our Fall Work Day.** Children, youth and adults are invited to help spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee, donuts and bagels are provided. Rain date: Saturday, November 23.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY (Sunday, October 19)

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

### TUESDAY

- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee (4:30p)
- NO Taco Tuesday meal in October

### WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)

### THURSDAY

- Rhonda is out of the office Thurs & Fri
- Thursday Bible Study (9:30a)
- Weekly Vigil for Palestine (11:15a)
- Christian Ed. Committee (1:15p)
- Service & Outreach Committee-hybrid (3:30p)

### FRIDAY

- Interfaith Alliance at Sinai Temple (12n)

### SATURDAY

- Pride Parade, downtown Urbana (1p)

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- Worship (9:15a), with guest preacher Lawrence Matthews (MDS), then fellowship & Sun. school
- Nov. Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Karen McKenzie & Marcia E. Nelson

**Worship Leader:** Tim Clink

**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

**Piano:** Janet MacLean

**Children's Story:** Cathy Schneider

**Scripture Reader:** Mary Biddle

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb

**Zoom:** John MacLean

**Audio:** Randy Nelson

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & TBD

**Stewards:** Mark Evans & Cynthia Nafziger

**Visuals:** Tammie Bouseman

**Refreshments:** Mary Hines & Bob King

## NEXT WEEK (Oct. 26) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken

**Worship Leader:** Randy Nelson

**Song Leader:** Cindy Breeze

**Piano:** Bev Birkey Potts

**Children's Story:** Melissa Shungu

**Scripture Reader:** Mark Jaeger

**Scripture:** Acts 10:17-23

**Sermon:** Lawrence Matthews from MDS

**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Joyce Hurd; **Audio:** Phil Martens

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Chuck Gibson

**Stewards:** Randy Nelson & Perry Biddle

**Visuals:** Tammie Bouseman

**Refreshments:** Marcia Nelson, Christine & Arianna Herman

### First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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