



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

# HOLDING IT TOGETHER



# Celebration *of* Worship

March 1, 2026

Lent 2

Holding It Together: Obvious and Hidden

*The candles on the communion table dim, one each week,  
as Lent unfolds and Jesus' faithfulness brings him closer and closer to the cross.*

Centering chimes

Prelude

\*Call to worship

**All: We come to worship**

One: with expectations that may or may not be met;  
with questions that might be answered;  
and answers that might be questioned.

**All: We come seeking God.**

One: Seeking a taste of truth;  
seeking a glimpse of divine presence;  
seeking to make sense of the world.

**All: We come to journey with Jesus,**

One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,  
moved and confused by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #540 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn #778 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Children's story and children's offering Sola Gratia Farm (<https://www.solagratiacsa.com/>)

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

Scripture John 13:1-17

Drama

Confession Poem

Sermon

\*Response Hymn #749 "Jesus Christ Is Love Divine"

Prayer & Offertory (Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows)

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

\*Sending Hymn #813 "Heart with Loving Heart United"

\*Benediction

Congregational response: God is with Us.

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*\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship 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 ASL, 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.

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Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.