



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

# HOLDING IT TOGETHER



# Celebration *of* Worship

March 15, 2026

Lent 4

Holding It Together: Yielding & Leading

*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

One: We gather for worship, seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

**All: Your kingdom come! Your will be done on earth!"**

One: We pray. Then we look around...Where is it? Where is the truth? (*silence*)

We gather for worship asking questions and staying the course. We pray again and again,

**All: "Your kingdom come!"**

One: Looking and longing...Where is it? Where are you? (*silence*)

We gather for worship and find that God is here.

**All: On earth as it is in heaven.**

One: God's kingdom now and not yet; here and in the world to come.

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #29 "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn #297 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

Children's story and children's offering for Sola Gratia Farm

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

Scripture John 18:28-40

Drama

Confession Poem

Sermon

\*Response Hymn #799 "The Kingdom of God"

Congregational sharing and prayer

Use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael. To ensure that you are heard, please hold the microphone close to your mouth and extend the handle straight out (not down).

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

\*Sending Hymn #621 "My Hope Is Built" (verses 1-3)

\*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.