



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 10, 2026

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship Hymnal #972 (*use "mothers" in lines 2 and 10*)

***Gathering hymn #28** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #419** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Children's story and children's offering (*for Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana*)

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

Scripture Philippians 1:1-18a

Sermon

***Response hymn #716** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael*)

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement*)

***Sending hymn #831** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

***Benediction**

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

**The red flower at the front of the sanctuary recognizes Red Dress Day,
which remembers and honors the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children.**

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.

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 (March - May) (upstairs/downstairs)

Artistic Reflections on Scripture, in the library
Radicals & Reformers book study, in the 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)

Tomorrow, May 11 – Deadline for responding to the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee survey. Fill out the survey online; paper copies are available in your FMC mailbox or on the table near the office.

This Friday, May 15 – Deadline for contacting the church office with graduation information for our May 31 celebration of our middle school, high school and college graduates. If you are graduating from middle school, high school, college, or grad school, contact the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) by May 15 so that we can include you in our celebration booklet.

This Sat. & Sun., May 16-17 – Pastor Michael is away. Contact Pastor Deb with pastoral care needs.

This Friday, May 15, 4:30-6pm - Raise awareness about International Conscientious Objectors' Day by joining the local rally in public support of conscientious objectors. The rally takes place at the intersection of Prospect and Marketview in Champaign. Signs are provided by the organizers.

Next Sunday, May 17:

- **Pastor Deb's final sermon at FMC before retiring.** Her final Sunday with us will be May 24.
- **RSVP Deadline to attend Pastor Deb's retirement celebration on Saturday, May 30, 3-5p at FMC.** Please join us in appreciating Pastor Deb and her 11+ years as associate pastor at FMC.
- **Signup deadline to bring a main item for the Taco Tuesday meal on May 19.**

The Christian Education Committee is in need of more teachers or helpers in the June/July Preschool/PreK Sunday School class. All teaching materials are provided. Use the signup sheet in the church foyer near the water fountain. Intergenerational Summer Sunday school for grade school - adults will be offered.

Monday, May 25, 2026 from 9a - 4p at Camp Menno Haven (9301 1575 East St, Tiskilwa, IL) - All are welcome to attend Open House/Rally Day. Visit mennohaven.com/rallyday for more information.

Now through May 31 - Soap Full of Hope. Donate NEW, wrapped full-sized laundry or bath bar soap for MCC to distribute to hospitals, orphanages, and refugee camps in countries where soap needed. Directions about the collection are listed on the flyers on the table near the upstairs water fountain.

The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee is missing 2 or 3 light yellow tablecloths that are part of a set with the church's salmon and blue ones. They are the most frequently used when we need to outfit 8 tables. Did anyone take these home to launder and leave them in a closet? Or if they are at the church, do you know where they are? Contact Marcia E. Nelson with information.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (May 10)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Special refreshments in honor of all who mother

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a
- FMC Council 6p

NEXT SUNDAY (May 17)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee 12n
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group 6p
- Deadline to signup to help with Taco Tue. meal

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

Worship Leader: Tim Clink

Song leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Pastor Deb

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman

Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken
(Philippians 1:1-18a)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Hines

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Jan Sabey

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

NEXT WEEK (May 17) AT FMC:

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

Worship Leader: Randy Nelson

Song leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Annie Crawford

Scripture Reader: David Needham
(Philippians 2:1-13)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Geoffrey & Timothy Herman

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson

Stewards: Keith Springer & Kate Falk

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

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