



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 24, 2026

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Hymnal #877

***Gathering song** (*handout, side 1*) "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #373** "As the Wind Song through the Trees"

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

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

Scripture Acts 1:1-5 and Acts 2:1-8

Sermon *Alive and Expressed: The Spirit of Jesus*

***Response hymn #540** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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

Litany of Blessing & Release for Pastor Deb (*handout, side 2*)

Menno Mugging for Tom and Deb Sutter

Sung Blessing, Hymn #832 "The Lord Lift You Up"

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 #645** "Anointing Fall on Me"

***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 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)

Thanks to Cal Zehr for bringing us today's message. Cal served as the pastor of Willow Springs MC for 33 years before joining the IMC Conference Minister Team one quarter time. He's the founder of Hungry World Farm in Tiskilwa, IL. Cal and Carol have four daughters and four grandchildren.

Today is Rev. Deb Sutter's final Sunday with us as FMC pastor. We have an opportunity to celebrate her years of ministry from 3-5 pm this Saturday, May 30, at FMC.

There are a few slots left to provide a meal for Rudy, Michelle and Arlo Moyer-Litwiller.

Summer worship call for Words of Witness - Our June/July worship theme is "Hospitality," with opportunities to reflect on rest, nourishment, and welcome. Consider sharing "Words of Witness" (reflections and/or stories) about your experiences with hospitality. When have you given or received hospitality? Who are the mentors or "heroes of hospitality" in your life? Words of Witness Sundays will be on June 21st and another in July TBD. Talk to Pastor Michael if you're interested.

Tomorrow, 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.

Next Sunday is the final day for Spring Sunday school classes. In June and July, we will have an intergenerational Sunday school for ages grade school and older. The theme is: Sharing Your Passion. We invite you to consider sharing something that you love with the congregation. Nursery care and a class for preschoolers will continue to be offered during the summer. We still need a few more helpers in the preschool class.

Next Sunday, May 31:

- **During worship – We will celebrate the achievement of our young FMCers moving into high school and also graduating from high school and college.** There will be special refreshments in honor of the graduates during fellowship time.
- **Final collection day for Soap Full of Hope.** Donate NEW, wrapped full-sized laundry or bath bar soap for MCC to distribute in countries where soap needed. The collection box is on the table in the foyer.
- **Deadline to submit items for the June Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.
- **Deadline to complete a short online survey to help the Christian Education Committee plan for Sunday school classes during the Fall 2026-Spring 2027 year.**

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (May 24)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Guest preacher: Cal Zehr, IMC Executive Minister
- Pastor Deb's last Sunday with us as pastor

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a
- Interfaith Alliance meeting at University Y, 12n

Saturday

- Retirement Celebration for Pastor Deb at FMC, 3-5p

NEXT SUNDAY (May 31)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Celebration of our graduates during worship
- Special refreshments during fellowship time
- Deadline to submit articles for the June Vine

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Nancy Seaman
Worship Leader: Pastor Michael
Music: Worship Band
Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm
Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie (Acts 2:1-8)
Sermon: Cal Zehr, IMC Executive Minister
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Joyce Hurd
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Marcia E. Nelson
Stewards: Keith Springer & Kate Falk
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Chuck Gibson, Mark Evans & Malia Shungu (youth assistant)

NEXT WEEK (May 31) AT FMC:

Next Sunday: Celebration of our Graduates
Greeters: Clark Breeze & Nancy Seaman
Worship Leader: Phil Martens
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Cello: Geoffrey Herman
Children's Story: Bruce Miller
Scripture Reader: Jan Sabey
Scripture: Proverbs 3:13-20 & Matthew 7:24-27
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton
Audio: Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & David Needham
Stewards: Keith Springer & Kate Falk
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Joyce Hurd & Maggie Bidner

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

Office Hours: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Tuesday-Friday
217.367.5353 | www.fmc-cu.org

Contact Us:

Pastor Michael Crosby: michael.crosby@fmc-cu.org
Associate Pastor Debra Sutter: debra.sutter@fmc-cu.org
Rhonda Gibson, Office Administrator: office@fmc-cu.org

MORE ABOUT FMC



New to FMC?

Scan the QR code to learn more about us or to let us know how you want to become more connected.