



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 31, 2026

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #884

***Gathering hymn #42**

“Could It Be That God Is Singing”

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #716**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

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

Scripture

The Lord’s Prayer (*Grades 4-6*)

Proverbs 3:13-20 & Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon

***Response hymn #531**

“Holy Presence, Holy Teacher”

Blessing of our Graduates (*handout*)

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 #203**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***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)

Today is the final day for Spring Sunday school classes; preschool through youth classes will meet in the fellowship hall for a joint year-end celebration. 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. Sign up online. 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.

Today:

- Deadline to submit items for the June Vine.
- Final collection day for Soap Full of Hope.
- 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.

Saturday, June 6 - FMC is providing lunch for the Habitat Build workers. If you would like to help with the Interfaith Habitat Build but prefer providing lunch to swinging a hammer, there is a place for you: shoppers, cooks, and servers are all needed. Contact Marcia E. Nelson for more information and to help.

Sunday, June 14, 11:15a at FMC – Potluck in honor of fathers, with an open mic for Dad jokes. Please bring a nut-free dish to share. The potluck is in lieu of Sunday school.

Thanks to all who helped plan the joyful honoring of Pastor Deb's ministry at her retirement celebration yesterday!



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 12. Talk to Pastor Michael if you're interested.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (May 31)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Celebration of graduates with special refreshments during fellowship time
- Deadline to submit items for the June Vine
- Final collection day for Soap Full of Hope
- Deadline to complete Christian Ed Cmte survey

Tuesday

- Racial Justice Working Group-hybrid 1p

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a

Saturday

- Worship Committee Retreat at FMC, 9-11a

NEXT SUNDAY (June 7)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Intergenerational Sunday school begins for grade school – adult. A preschool Sunday school class will also be held.

THANKS TODAY TO:

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
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

NEXT WEEK (June 7) AT FMC:

This Summer: Hospitality Series

Greeters: Janet E Guthrie & Mark Jaeger
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Janet MacLean
Children's Story: Cindi Schieber
Scripture Reader: Mary Biddle (Genesis 18:1-8)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Hannah & David Needham
Audio: Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Greg Sancken
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Bruce Miller

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