



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

June 7, 2026

**Hospitality Series**

*Sacred Place: Setting the Table*

**Centering chimes** (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (*adapted from "Space for Hospitality", Samford University Center for Worship & Arts*)

Leader: Welcome to this time of worship. God has set a table and invites us to come as we are.

**People: We come carrying different needs, and God's extravagant love embraces us all.**

Leader: Because we have been welcomed, let us open our doors and our hearts to others.

**People: We show hospitality, for in doing so, we welcome the very presence of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, who turns strangers into friends and gathers us as one family.

**ALL: Amen!**

**\*Gathering hymn #9** "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

**Welcome & Prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn** (*handout*) "You've got a place"

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

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

**Scripture** Genesis 18:1-8

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #27** "Here to the House of God We Come"

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

**Blessing for our FMC Associate Pastor Search Committee**

**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 #809** "Sing a New World into Being"

**\*Benediction**

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\*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.

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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.



### Grade school - Adult

*(fellowship hall or sanctuary, depending on presentation)*

Intergenerational class in which people share about one of their passions.

### Nursery & Preschool (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery

Ages 3-5 years: Room 3

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

**Today is the start of summer Sunday school.** Grade schoolers – adults are invited to join our intergenerational class in the sanctuary. Mark Jaeger will share about "Ancestry - learning your family history and stories." A preschool class (3-5 years) and nursery care will be provided during the summer. No Sunday school will be held in August.

**Next Sunday during worship, communion will be held.** In addition to our regular offering, people are invited to give a special offering for our FMC mutual aid fund.

**Next Sunday, June 14 at 11:15 am - Join us after worship for a potluck which is an early celebration of all who have been fathers to us.** During the meal we will have a 15 minute open mic for fathers to offer Dad Jokes. Bring a nut-free dish to share and if you wish your table service to reduce clean-up. The meal will be held in place of intergenerational and preschool Sunday school.

**Next Sunday, June 14 - Signup deadline to help with Taco Tuesday, which will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 pm.**

**A reminder from The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee - if you would like to volunteer to help make Taco Tuesday happen by providing one of the main items needed, there is always a sign up in the announcements prior to the event.** Gordon Food Service is a good place to buy meat, cheese, and lettuce in quantity. Also, we have a couple crock pots at the church on a lazy Susan in the NW lower corner cabinet that can be borrowed to cook/heat the meat.

**The Empty Tomb delivery cabinet (downstairs in Room 5) is low on canned soup and spaghetti sauce.** Please place donations in the cabinet. Our Empty Tomb shopping list available on the table near the church office or on the "Local Service" page of our website: <https://fmc-cu.org/peace-justice/local-service/>.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY (June 7)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- FMC reserved for private event 2-6p

### Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a
- FMC Council 6p

### NEXT SUNDAY (June 14)

- Worship 9:15a with communion, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Special offering for our mutual aid fund
- Potluck honoring dads 11:15a
- Sign up deadline to help with Taco Tuesday

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Janet Elaine 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

## NEXT WEEK (June 14) AT FMC:

*Hospitality: Nourishment & Abundance  
Communion & Mutual Aid offering*

**Greeters:** Rhonda Gibson & Bev Hertle

**Worship Leader:** Janet Elaine Guthrie

**Song Leader:** Melissa Shungu

**Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus

**Children's Story:** Marcia E. Nelson

**Scripture Reader:** Mark Jaeger (John 6:1-15)

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Chuck Gibson

**Audio:** Randy Nelson

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Bob King

**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Greg Sancken

**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

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