



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 19, 2026

Hospitality

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude *Nada te turbe*

Call to Worship (*adapted by Rhonda Gibson from "Martha, Mary and life's priorities" by Christine Odell (Sheasby), 2016*)

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Holy One.

We are welcome to come as we are; whether we come with busy hands and weary hearts,
or with a quiet spirit ready to learn.

People: We pause from the rushing, the worrying, and the tasks of the world.

Leader: Jesus invites us to sit at his feet and listen to his voice.

People: Let us open our ears to hear his words and our hearts to receive his grace.

ALL: *Let us worship, finding our rest and our strength in his presence.*

***Gathering hymn** (handout) "You've Got a Place"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #102** "Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

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

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

Scripture Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Luke 10:38-42

Sermon *Mary vs. Martha?*

***Response hymn #37** "Be Still and Know"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Sarah Zabel*)

Prayer & Offertory *Over my head*

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 #793** "Siyahamba (We Are Marching)"

***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.



GRADE SCHOOL - ADULT (June & July; no Aug Sun. School)
Intergenerational class in which people share about one of their passions (sanctuary)

ADULT

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

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, July 19 during intergenerational Sunday school (11:15a) in the sanctuary - David Needham will present, "How Hollywood Shoots Movies (And How You Can Too!)."

Pastor Michael will be out of the office through Monday, August 3. Please contact Sarah Zabel or one of our elders (Kate Falk and John MacLean) with pastoral care needs. **Sarah's office hours this week: Wed – Fri 9:30a-2:30p**

The office is closed this week. Contact Sarah Zabel (sarah.zabel@fmc-cu.org) if you need assistance. Tammie Bouseman will be in the office on Friday to finalize and print the bulletin. Send bulletin information to Tammie at her personal email by Thursday evening.

This Thursday at 9:30 am in the FMC fellowship hall: Thursday Morning Bible Study summer potluck brunch.

Next Sunday, July 26:

- During intergenerational Sunday school – **Chuck Gibson, Rebecca Bare and others will lead a session on "Embodied Scripture."** This concludes our summer Sunday school.
- **Submission deadline for the August Vine.** Send submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Through August 9 – We are collecting specific school kit items for both Urbana Park District and MCC. A detailed list for both collections is available on the collection table in the foyer.

Sunday, August 2 at 11:15 am in the sanctuary – Jonathan Gibson will present about his recent severe weather trip for those interested in staying (he had technical difficulties on July 5 and wasn't able to share the presentation).

August 4, 5-7:30 pm at the Arthur Community Center (120 E Progress, Arthur) – Annual dinner and ice cream social to benefit the August 28-29 Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale.

Friday, August 7, 5:30 pm at the home of Christine Herman - Women are invited to Women's Night Out. Come to the circus! There will be food, entertainment and good cheer. Bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Marcia E. Nelson.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Today

- Worship; then fellowship & Sunday school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee (12n)
- Signup deadline to help with main items at Taco Tue meal

Tuesday

- FMC office closed this week
- Taco Tues meal at FMC (5:30p)

Wednesday

- NO Zoom Bible Study; Pastor Michael is away

Thursday

- Thurs. AM Bible Study potluck brunch at FMC (9:30a)

Friday

- Service & Outreach Committee-hybrid (3p)
- Facilities Committee-hybrid (4:30p)

NEXT SUNDAY (July 26)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Aug. Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Sarah Zabel

Scripture Reader: Nancy Seaman (Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tim Clink

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Mark Evans, Mary Hines & Malia Shungu

NEXT WEEK (July 26) AT FMC:

Stories of Hospitality from Menno House NYC

Greeters: Randy & Marcia E Nelson

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader & Guitar: Geoffrey Herman

Prelude & Offertory: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare

Scripture Reader: Keith Springer (Hebrews 13:1-2; Revelation 7:9)

Word of Witness: Greg Springer

Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel

Zoom: Joyce Hurd

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Sharon Monday

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tim Clink

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

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