



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration *of* Worship

June 28, 2026

Hospitality Series
Sustained in Creation

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and worship the God who prepares a place for all creation.

People: We gather in gratitude for the abundance of God's gifts.

Leader: The earth offers its fruits, the waters give life, and the fields provide nourishment.

People: Through creation, God welcomes and sustains every living thing.

Leader: As God opens His hand to satisfy the needs of all, we are called to open our hearts to one another.

People: May we receive God's hospitality with thankfulness and extend it with generosity.

Leader: Let us worship the Creator, whose table is wide and whose welcome is gracious.

People: We come to praise God and to learn the way of hospitality. Amen.

***Gathering hymn** (*handout*) "You've got a place"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising hymn #178** "God of Wonders"

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

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

Scripture 1 Kings 17:1-16; Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

***Response hymn #289** "See the Birds That Fly"

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 #653** "Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God"

***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

Intergenerational class in which people share about one of their passions. (fellowship hall or sanctuary)

ADULT

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery

Ages 3-5 years Sunday school: Room 3



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

TODAY, June 28:

- **During intergenerational Sunday school**, Michael & Abby Crosby will lead a fun scavenger hunt to help us learn about our church building resources. Meet in the fellowship hall at 11:15.
- **Submissions for the July Vine are due to Cindi Schieber.**
- **The Associate Pastor Search Committee invites you to a time of discernment as they develop a job description and posting.** We will meet in the FMC Fellowship Hall from 4-5:30 pm. This is an important first step for the congregation to express ideas, hope, and vision for the future new member of FMC's pastoral team. All Active Participants middle school and older are encouraged to participate.

Today, June 28, 2-4 pm at the Fisher Community Center, Fisher - Everence invites you to the 20 year celebration of appreciation of the members, clients, and the East Central Illinois community. Come join the fun of food and fellowship.

Thursday, July 2 – FMC's new Interim Ministry Associate, Sarah Zabel, begins. We will welcome, bless, and commission Sarah in worship on Sunday, July 5.

Tuesday, July 7 at FMC, 4:30p - The Racial Justice Working Group invites you to learn about the proposed UI Kingfisher mascot. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Tim Clink Sunday, July 5 so that he knows how much pizza to order.

Next Sunday, July 5:

- **During worship – our theme will be "Hospitality: Being a Nation of Immigrants" and we will commission FMC's new Interim Ministry Associate Sarah Zabel.**
- **At 11:15a during intergeneration Sunday school – Jonathan Gibson will share about his recent severe weather field study trip.**

The Facilities Committee is seeking feedback about your audio experience in the FMC sanctuary. Comment on microphones, amplification, hearing assistive devices, or other aspects of sound and hearing. Cards for written comments are on the tables in the foyer; hand them in to Clark Breeze or place them in his mailbox.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (June 28)

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

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a

Thursday

- Christian Education Committee 1:15p

NEXT SUNDAY (July 5)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Kate Falk & Bev Hertle

Worship Leader: Bob King

Song Leader/Musician: Geoffrey Herman

Children's Story: Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: Annie Crawford (1 Kings 17:1-16; Matthew 6:25-34)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Cindi Schieber

Stewards: Bruce Miller & Cynthia Nafziger

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Megan & Sam Cox

NEXT WEEK (July 5) AT FMC:

Hospitality: Being a Nation of Immigrants

Greeters: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Mary Biddle

Scripture Reader: Bruce Miller

(Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Romans 12:13; 18-21)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Eliza Crosby

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Cindi Schieber

Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Rebecca Bare

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Janet E. Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

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