WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 11, 2026



Centering chimes *(Lighting of the Christ candle)*
Prelude
Call to Worship *(by Jan Lugibihl, a member of Chicago Community Mennonite Church)*

One: We come today angry and tired, seeking a place to worship you.
Many: How can we worship when we are so often filled with rage?
One: We call on you, O God, to wake up and get up! We wonder how you can allow the suffering and pain we see around us! We wonder why we were even born!
Many: We're afraid to voice our rage out loud to each other and to you. Hear our cry, help us! Do something!
One: Come, Jesus, come.
Many: Surround us, comfort us, rage with us!

***Gathering Hymn #57** "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"
Welcome & Prayer
***Praising Hymn #419** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Children's story and children's offering *(for the FMC Tanzania College Scholarship Fund)*
Congregation sings as children come forward. (Voices Together #512)
Scripture Psalm 44:22-26; Job 3:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:9-11; 2:1-8
Sermon
***Response Hymn #287** "Jesus Christ Is Waiting"
Congregational Sharing & Prayer *(use the mic or text prayers to Sarah Zabel)*
Offering & Offertory (Ushers will pass the offering plates down rows)
Introduction of visitors
Work of the church *(come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)*
***Sending Hymn #209** "We Dream of a Turning"
***Benediction**

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*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave 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: 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-upstairs/downstairs (Sep - Nov)

So We and Our Children May Live - Sanctuary
Sacred Parenthood – FMC Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)



CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)
Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Preschool & Kindergarten (ages 3-5 years): Room 3
Grades 1 - 5: Room 10/11
Middle & High school (grades 6-12): Room 7

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

Today is the final day to update your directory information. A copy of the directory is on the table near the water fountain for you to review and to make corrections if needed. If you are new to FMC and are not yet in the directory, there is space for you to add your information.

This Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm at New Covenant Fellowship (124 W. White, Champaign) - Roads to Reparations, presented by the Champaign-Urbana Coalition on Reparations and CU Ubuntu Project. Guest speakers include N'nanba (Robin Rue Simmons) of Evanston and Rep. Carol Ammons. Educate, activate, and celebrate with Shannon McFarland, Noah Brown, and the DREAAM Praise Dancers. Free parking across the street from New Covenant Fellowship.

This Saturday, October 17 at 1 pm - Join FMC as we walk in this year's Pride Parade, stepping off in downtown Urbana. Wear your pride t-shirt or a colorful shirt. There will be a car available for those who need a ride. Details about when and where to meet should be in the email that will be sent on Tuesday.

Next Sunday, October 18 – Deadline for signing up to help bring a main item for our Taco Tuesday meal at FMC on October 20th at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, November 1 during worship – Annual Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones close to us who have died since our November 2, 2025 Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) with the person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). Submissions are due by Friday, October 23.

Sunday, October 25 – FMC Discernment Circles, immediately after Sunday school. These are small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes to discern FMC Council leadership for 2027. Active participants who have attended for at least six months and are high school age or older are invited to participate in person or over Zoom. There will be childcare to allow parents to participate in the circles.

Saturday, October 31 from 8a-4p - Menno Haven Fall Work Day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information and to rsvp, visit: www.mennohaven.com/work-day. Questions? Talk to Keith Springer, our FMC Menno Haven Representative.

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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.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Today
- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Comte-Room 5 (12n)

Wednesday
- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Council, in library (6p)

Thursday
- FMC Library Committee (7a)
- Thurs. AM Bible Study (9:30a)

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

Saturday
- Pride Parade in downtown Urbana (1p)

NEXT SUNDAY (October 18)
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THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Rhonda Gibson
Worship Leader: Bob King
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Jan Kellogg
Children's Story: Mary Biddle
Scripture Reader: Laura Lasater (Psalm 44:22-26; 1 Samuel 1:9-11; 2:1-8; Job 3:1-10)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel
Zoom: Megan Cox
Audio: Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Hannah Needham
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick
Visuals: Lynne Sancken/Donna Nelson Evans
Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

NEXT WEEK (October 18) AT FMC:

Rise Up! Take Courage! Your Deliverance is Near.

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader: Tim Clink
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Piano: Janet MacLean
Children's Story: Phil Martens
Scripture Reader: Sam Cox (Psalm 27:7-14; Exodus 3:1-12)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Biddle
Stewards: Mark Evans & Thom Moore
Visuals: Lynne Sancken/Donna Nelson Evans
Refreshments: Bruce Miller & Sarah Little