

Congregational blessing for Pastor Janet

Leader: In the hour before sunrise
God looks over the sleeping world
And dreams a new day into being.

Council: *This day, ripe with blessing,
Is an invitation to participate
In God's abundant imagination.*

Leader: At the dawn of your retirement:
May God who made the stars illuminate your path;

Council: *May Christ who walked the earth fill your steps with purpose;*

**Congregation: May the Spirit whose breath is fire enliven your dreams
And awaken in you new wonder.**

Leader: May Wisdom walk with you all of your days

**All: So that each dusk may be a signpost of blessings revealed,
Each dawn a celebration of the unfolding mystery.**

-- Congregational blessing written by Matt Yoder



First Mennonite Church
of Champaign Urbana

Celebration of Worship

June 26, 2016

Celebration of Pastor Janet's ministry at FMC

GATHERING

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision (traditional Irish)

Lighting of solidarity lamp - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

***Call to worship** (*adapted from Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15*)

It is good to praise you, YHWH,
and celebrate your Name in song, Most High—

**to proclaim your love in the morning
and your fidelity through the watches of the night,
to the music of a ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.**

***Your deeds, YHWH, fill me with joy;
I shout in triumph over the work of your hands.***

The just flourish like a palm tree,
and grow as tall as the cedars of Lebanon;
transplanted in the house of YHWH,
they flourish in the courts of the Most High—

**still full of sap in old age,
they still produce abundant fruit,
eager to declare that YHWH is just—
*my rock, in whom there is no wrong.***

***Song** (*insert*)

"Inside this simple place"

Welcome & prayer

PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #174**

"Bless'd be the God of Israel" (vss. 1 & 3)

Children's story and offering (*please pass the welcome pads*)

Next Sunday at First Mennonite

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Phil Martens

Scripture reader – Chris Lubienski

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Sound system – Randy Nelson

Visuals – Worship Committee

Greeters – Bev Hertle, Laurence Koehn, Jan Sabey

Refreshments – Tammie Bouseman & Liz Mallott

Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger

Worship nursery – Bob King & Karla Woodson

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Scripture readings:

Micah 6:8 (*Inclusive Bible*) Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundant clear what 'good' is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

Luke 1:78-79 (*Inclusive Bible*) Such is the tender mercy of our God, who from on high will bring the Rising Sun to visit us, to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Sermon *Pilgrim people*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Green songbook #87** "Put peace into each other's hands"

The Lord's Supper

All are welcome at the Lord's table. The bread is gluten-free and water is available for those with grape juice allergies. Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread and passing the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

***Passing the peace**

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory "The king of love my Shepherd is"

Prayer

Sharing and prayers of the people (*congregational response: Lord, hear our prayer*)

Blessings and gifts

Choir "The keeping of Christ before you"

SENDING

Introductions and work of the church (*please come to the front if you have an announcement*)

***Green songbook #36** "Long before my journey's start"

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Scott Bidner

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Phyllis Croisant

Children's story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture reader – Mary Krick

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Quartet – Cindy & Clark Breeze, Gina Reynolds, Matt Yoder

Choir director – Cindy Breeze

Greeters – Emily Gibson, Phil Martens, Jan Sabey

Refreshments – Rhonda Gibson & Karla Woodson

Stewards – Bob King & Bruce Miller

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you better.

Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters. T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth through preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

Our children's offering will help MCC provide aid to Syrians and Iraqis in response to the humanitarian crisis in these conflict-torn countries.

Join us after the service for...

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45

You are welcome to stay for refreshments and conversation downstairs after the service. A snack is available for children.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES – 11:15 AM

All are welcome to attend any Sunday.

Quarterly Adult Classes (*June & July*)

Aspects of Faith, Hope & Charity as Portrayed in the Scriptures – sanctuary

Patriarchy and the Bible – library

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (*year-round*)

Coffee and Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)

Knit and Nurture – Nursery (downstairs)

Young Adults – Room 13 (downstairs)

Children & Youth Classes (*downstairs*)

Pre-K (*ages 2-6 yrs*) – Room 6 **Junior High** – Room 3

Grade K-5 – Room 10/11 **High School** – Room 7

(Nursery care is available for children birth through preschool)

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org

SUN 9:15 AM Worship & communion
10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM Retreat Committee (library)
2:00 PM Young adult (canoeing?) – meet at FMC

MON 9:00 PM FMC softball game at Dodds

TUE Beginning Tuesday, Pastor Janet is taking earned vacation days before heading into retirement.

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study

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11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM Retreat Committee

MON MYF leave for service trip to Harlan, KY
4 and return on Saturday, July 9

WED 6:00 PM FMC Council
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THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
7 5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee

FRI 7:00 PM Young adult swim/movie, place TBA
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SAT 8:30 AM Worship Committee retreat until 1 pm
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