

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

(BRIDGE)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Celebration of Worship

September 18, 2016
Season of Creation: Storm

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Call to worship

Leader: We invite the elements of the storm to worship with us.

People: The wild winds and the dark clouds, the lightning flash and the thunder roll.

Leader: We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

People: The fierce gales and blinding rains, the crashing waves and swaying trees.

Leader: But with our invitation there are questions.

People: Where is our God in all of this? Where is our God in the storm?

Leader: Where is our God in the tornado?

People: Spinning the wind from heaven above?

Or present where the spiral hits the ground?

Leader: Where is our God in the hurricane?

People: Sending forth wild winds in anger or present where the rains strike the land?

Leader: Where is our God in the tsunami?

People: Forcing a wall of water onto the shore

or present with the victims left on the sand?

Leader: Yes, where is our God in all of this?

People: Where is our God in the storm?

*Green songbook #49 "Rain down"

*Passing the peace

PRAISING

*Song (back of bulletin)

*Song (insert)

"Blessed be your name"

"Oceans"

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PROCLAIMING

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

Scripture: Psalm 29 *(page 494)* and **Luke 8:22-25** *(page 944)*

Sermon *Napping through the storm*

RESPONDING

***Hymnal #580**

Offering *(prayer cards collected)*

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

Mission moment: First Followers

"My life flows on"

SENDING

Introductions of guests

Work of the church *(please come to the front if you have an announcement)*

Work of the church forms collected

***Hymnal #372**

"O healing river"

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Phil Martens

Scripture reader – Bob King

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Donna Nelson Evans

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Refreshments – Cynthia & Emerson Nafziger

Worship nursery – Tammie Bouseman & Mary Biddle

Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Sept. 25)

Worship leader – Beth Rempe

Song Leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Pam Peña Martin

Children's story – Randy Nelson

Scripture reader – Mary Hays

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Refreshments – Amanda Heinsman & Matt Klopfenstein

Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Bob King

Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg 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.

TODAY WE BEGIN A NEW children's offering to benefit the Jubilee Partners community for refugees in Comer, GA. The final total for our last project (to benefit MCC): \$755.

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 *(Sept - Nov)*

Living the Anabaptist Story – sanctuary

Active Hope – 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 9:05 AM Pre-service singing
9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:00 AM Music for children & youth (sanctuary)
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:15 PM Youth car wash (Habitat fundraiser)
12:30 PM First Followers brown bag lunch at FMC
RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

MON 7:00 PM FMC Rap Night at Liechty-Martens

TUE 5:30 PM Worship Committee

WED 6:00 PM International Day of Peace – prayers in our peace garden (short - 30 minute)

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board

FRI *Pastor Deb at Menno Haven Fri & Sat for seminar*
Pastor Michael out of office Fri - Sun

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Pre-service singing
25 9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:00 AM Music for children & youth (sanctuary)
11:15 PM Sunday school for all ages
4:00 PM Yoga Gives session at Living Yoga Cntr.

WED 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
29 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study