

# Salina Mennonite Church

*Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.*

**Greeter:** Henry Walker

**Worship Leader:** Vera Zerger

**Storyteller:** Gary Weathers

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Music:** Lori Schmidt

**February 25, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Me & You & the Generations after You**

*Between Me & You and generation after generation,  
God's promise and God's love grow longer.*

## *Gathering*

**Gathering Song** *I Will Bless You*

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Candle**

*We light this candle to remind us of God's presence with us.*

**Prelude** *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. John Carter

**Call to worship**

Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah,  
nations born of barren lands,  
you who stand here because of promises fulfilled,  
come and worship your God.

**People:** **We were born through the faith of our ancestors,  
just as our faith will give life to future generations;  
even as we hope against hope,  
we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Welcome home, children of God.  
Welcome to this house of God.

**Hymn** *The God of Abraham praise* Hymnal 162

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling**

**Song** *For Me, For You*

**Scripture** *Genesis 17:1-11, 15-16* Pew Bible 11

**Sermon** *From Generation to Generation*

**Song** *Between Me and You*

## *Confessing/Reconciling*

**Prayer of confession**

L: God of our ancestors and our descendants,  
promising Abraham and Sarah children at their age just seems mean.  
For them to believe that promise sounds foolish—  
almost as foolish as expecting that same faithfulness from us.  
That was then, this is now.  
We are not used to waiting.  
If something we want takes too long,  
we itch to move on to the next thing,  
even when waiting is important.

**P: Forgive us.**

**Forgive our impatience  
and refusal to believe in what we cannot see.**

**Build in us the willingness  
to hope against hope.**

**Help us to value and contribute  
to a future yet unseen.**

**Instill in us a faith to inspire future generations.**  
(Silence)

**Words of assurance**

L: I will always keep the promise I have made  
to you and your descendants,  
because I am your God and their God.

## *Responding*

**Hymn** *Children of the heavenly Father* Hymnal 616

**Sharing Our Lives/ Congregational Prayer**

**My Coins Count Collection** *for MCC for service projects around the world*

**Offering** *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Cindy Berry

**Offering Response** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* Hymnal 388

## *Sending*

**Hymn** *Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)* Sing the Journey 2

**The Lord's Prayer** *Stand in a circle and join hands.*

*Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

**Benediction**

We are people of God.  
We go in God's love  
to extend God's love  
and live God's promise.

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.

**Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network** is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

**Goshen (Indiana) College:** Pray for students at Goshen College as they have important conversations around race and culture during Black History Month.

**Journey Forward:** A dynamic group of writers has been called together to draft renewed commitments and guiding theological foundations for MC USA's Journey Forward. Pray for them as they work together on this task.

**Journey International:** Pray for Quinn Kathrineberg, Karina Brandt, and Shannon Schrock as they live and work in Ecuador. Read Quinn's blog at <https://quinnkberg.wixsite.com/quinninquito>.

## NEXT SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

### 9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Basement – Study the Bible together – everyone welcome

- Follow in My Ways
- *The Lord Will Provide* – Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Leadell Ediger

**Worship Leader:** Luke Van Tassel **Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Storyteller:** Kristin Van Tassel **Piano:** Donna Burnett

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 28	Lenten Scriptures & Prayer @ Christina's	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 6	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 11	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Mar. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Mar. 22	Church Board	5:45 p.m.

## Announcements

**Lenten Scriptures & Prayers:** A weekly Wednesday evening service including singing, Bible reading, and prayer is at 7:15 at Pastor Christina's home.

**Creation, Craftiness, & Cooling Off,** a hymn sing and dessert auction benefitting Camp Mennoscah is today, February 25, 4-6 pm, Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Dr, Hesston.

**A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention training** will be held at the MCC Center on March 1, at 6:30, cost \$20. "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch" presented by Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. More information at [katherinebwiens.com](http://katherinebwiens.com).

**A congregational meeting** follows worship Sunday, March 11. Agenda items include:

- Brief oral reports from committees & coordinators.
- An update on Pastor Christina's sabbatical plans

**Comforter Blitz:** Join the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz to help make comforters for MCC to distribute around the world! Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. Lunch is available each day by donation. Bring a snack to share.

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm

**All women are invited** to the Women's Spring Supper, Thursday March 15, 2018 at 6 pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Program (7 pm) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

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