

# Salina Mennonite Church

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

**Greeter:** Leadell Ediger

**Worship Leader:** Luke Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Kristin Van Tassel

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller **Music:** Donna Burnett

**March 4, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Me & You & Working It Through**

*Between Me & You and in all we go through,  
God's promise and God's love grow stitch by stitch.*

## *Gathering*

**Gathering Song** *God's Love Is for Everybody*

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Candle**

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

**Prelude**

**Call to worship**

Leader: Come rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

**People: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't.**

**We come by different roads, yet we are here together.**

**We want to know God, and to be known by God.**

**We are here to worship the Lord.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is here.  
We join our hearts in worship.

**Hymn** *Sing praise to God who reigns* Hymnal 59

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling**

**Song** *For Me, For You, Week 3*

**Scripture** *Exodus 20:1-17* Pew Bible 58  
**Sermon** *Wise or Foolish? Right or Wrong?*  
**Song** *Between Me and You, Week 3*

## *Confessing/Reconciling*

**Prayer of confession**

L: God, we call you ruler of all,  
but sometimes we make excuses.  
We try to avoid applying your rules  
to our actions and interests.  
At other times, we hold so tightly to rules  
that we break relationships.  
It is easier to imagine that you are like us  
than it is for us to be like you.  
We judge ourselves by success;  
you judge us by how we treat others.

**P: Help us to face our truth.**

**Forgive us when we fail.**

**Give us the courage**

**to keep trying to live as you love.**

(Silence)

**Words of assurance**

L: The Lord's rules can be trusted.  
They make plain people wise.

## *Responding*

**Hymn** *Teach me, O Lord* Hymnal 487

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

*You are invited to share joys and concerns, reflections on today's service, as well as stories of your faith journey.*

**My Coins Count Collection**

**Offering**

**Offering Response** *Praise God from whom* Hymnal 119A

## *Sending*

**Hymn** *Jesus, help us live in peace* Sing the Journey 52

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 congregations** as they seek to follow Jesus' way of peace in response to the many forms of violence in our communities, nation and world.

**Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone** look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Pray for a meaningful discussion on culture, empathy and respect when KIPCOR at Bethel College shows the film *The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change* this afternoon.

**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 11, 2018

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

Basement – Study the Bible together – everyone welcome

- Follow in My Ways
- *There Is No God like You* – 2 Chronicles 6:12-21

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Barb Kathrineberg

**Worship Leader:** Ted Zerger

**Storyteller:** Butch Stucky

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

**A congregational meeting follows worship March 11.**

## Upcoming Events

Mar. 6	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 7	Lenten Scriptures & Prayer @ Christina's	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

**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

**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).

### REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas:

- The 16th Annual Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale (1984) was blessed with a bright sun and a cool day that caused appetites to be good. The Beef Auction sold 45 animals and the 3rd Dairy Auction sold 13 high quality animals. The New Year's Cookie booth made 17,500 cookies; 1,100 people participated in the Fellowship Meals program. There were 22 quilts that brought more than \$1,000 each with the top price being \$2,400. \$345,000 was sent to MCC.
- In 1988 a new venture was child care for kids ages 1-5. The Beef Walk began at Ebenfeld Church after a time of worship and the Dairy Walk began in Kingman after devotions. The walks ended at the Fairgrounds just in time for the sale of all the animals donated to the Sale. The combined walks raised \$60,000. MCC received \$400,000.
- In 1992 over \$10,000 was raised for MCC Relief through the collection of pocket change. April 10 and 11 of 1992 brought an estimated 31,000 people to Hutchinson to attend the 24th Annual Sale. 43,000 New Year's Cookies were made; 1,280 pies collected; and a "House Against Hunger" was sold at auction. The Environmental Concerns Committee asked difficult questions about how to handle the Sale's waste and trash and how to use the Sale to educate people about the benefits of recycling. April 2 was the venenike making day in Hillsboro with 18,684 being made and frozen to be taken to the Sale. Many buses came from Emporia, Burdett, Lincoln, Colby, Concordia, Newton, Goessel, and Moundridge to the Sale. To God be the Glory.

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