

# Salina Mennonite Church

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

**Greeter:** Ted Hale

**Worship Leader:** Lori Schmidt

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Music:** David Van Tassel

**March 18, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Me & You & Covenant New**

*Between Me & You, in a new covenant,  
God's promise and God's love grow in our hearts.*

## *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: I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests.  
What brings you here?

**People: We want to see Jesus.**

Leader: I see you, all who are here for the first time, and all who have returned. What brings you here?

**People: We want to see Jesus.**

Leader: I see you and know that each one of you has been invited by God to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

**Hymn** *What is this place*

Hymnal 1

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling**

**Song** *For Me, For You, Week 5*

**Scripture** *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Pew Bible 642

**Sermon** *New Ink*

**Song** *Between Me and You, Week 5*

## *Confessing/Reconciling*

**Prayer of confession**

L: Beloved Protector and Teacher,

We need guidance, and sometimes we remember to ask for it.

But even as we reach for your hand, we rush off in our own direction.

We barely listen to the rules we break.

We like to remind ourselves, wherever we are, that you are with us.

We forget the proper response: that to serve you, we must follow you.

We put conditions on your love, because we don't want to go

to the uncomfortable places where we see ourselves in the other.

**P: Forgive us.**

**Hold us close and teach us again to truly live as you love.**

(Silence)

**Words of assurance**

L: Thus says the Lord God, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## *Responding*

**Hymn**

*O God, who gives us life*

Hymnal 483

**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**

*This money is given to MCC for service projects around the world.*

**Offering**

**Offering Response** *Praise God from whom*

Hymnal 119A

## *Sending*

**Hymn**

*Take my life*

Hymnal 389

**The Lord's Prayer**

*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.

**Join us for Third Sunday Potluck in the fellowship room after worship.**

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors,** as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

**Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network** serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:** Pray that church leaders around the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training would connect with AMBS's distance education offerings — online short courses, the Journey Missional Leadership Development Program and the fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

**Pray for the MennoCon19 worship planning committee members** as they gather in Kansas City, Missouri for their first meeting of discerning and planning worship for Mennonite Church USA's 2019 biennial convention.

**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 25, 2018

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

Basement – Study the Bible together – everyone welcome

- Follow in My Ways
- *Keep My Statutes and Ordinances* – 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Gary Weathers

**Worship Leader:** Annelle Claassen **Storyteller:** Pete Smucker

**Speaker:** Peter Goerzen

**Piano:** Teresa Weaver

## Upcoming Events

March 21	Lenten Scriptures & Prayer @ Christina's	7:15 p.m.
March 22	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
April 3	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
April 13-14	50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Relief Sale	

## Holy Week Events

**7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 28: Lenten Scripture & Prayer** at Christina Litwiller's home.

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29: Our Maundy Thursday** service will be at the church in the upstairs fellowship area. We will eat a simple meal, share communion, sing together, and remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus

**7:00 a.m. Sunday, April 1: Come for Easter Sunrise worship and breakfast** at Butch & Marla Stucky's home. Bring your own lawn chair and/or blanket. Sign up to contribute a breakfast casserole, muffins, bread, or juice for breakfast after the service.

**10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 1: Come for Easter worship including communion** at the church. As part of communion, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

## Announcements

**Lenten Scriptures & Prayers:** A weekly Wednesday evening service including singing, Bible reading, and prayer is at 7:15 at Pastor Christina's home. This will continue through March 28.

**March for Our Lives:** Salina will join communities around the country on **Saturday, March 24, to March for our Lives.** The event's purpose is to end gun violence in our schools and communities. Marchers will meet at **12 noon** in front of Kansas Wesleyan's main building and walk down Santa Fe to Robert Caldwell Plaza next to the Public Library.

**April 8 Worship:** Everyone is invited to contribute to a somewhat impromptu worship service April 8. Suggest a song to sing, share your favorite scripture, or tell a story.

**Relief Sale:** The 50<sup>th</sup> annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13-14 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. For details go to: <http://kansas.mccsale.org/>.

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