

Salina Mennonite Church

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

Greeter: Gary Weathers

Worship Leader: Annelle Claassen

Storyteller: Pete Smucker

Speaker: Peter Goerzen

Music: Teresa Weaver

March 25, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Me & You & an Alternative View

*Between Me & You and all we lay down,
God's promise and God's love grow in surprising ways.*

Gathering

Gathering Song *Jesus is coming*

Sing the Story 73

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, people of God,
this is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**People: Open the gates of righteousness
so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The gates are open, come on in.
Give thanks, for God is good!

Hymn *All glory, laud, and honor*

Hymnal 237

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Song *For Me, For You, Week 6*

Scripture *John 12:12-16*

Pew Bible 875

Sermon *An Anti-Triumphal Entry*

Song *Between Me and You, Week 6*

Confessing/Reconciling

Prayer of confession

L: Jesus, Messiah.

The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.

One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped.

The next they are squeezing you,

like putty in a clenched fist, demanding that you conform.

Is that what we do?

When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.

We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.

Do you?

The time is ripe for change, then and now.

Why can't you lead that change in a way we understand?

How is it that you define success so differently?

It scares us to question you.

It's worse if we don't.

P: Forgive us for holding in questions so long

that we can't bear the answers.

Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.

Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.

Show us again this new way of living.

Help us to love like you.

(Silence)

Words of assurance

L: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me."

Responding

Hymn

When peace like a river

Hymnal 336

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering/My Coins Count Collection

Offering Response *Praise God from whom*

Hymnal 119A

Sending

Hymn

Hosanna, loud hosanna

Hymnal 238

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker. Peter Goerzen is Campus Pastor and Instructor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College in North Newton.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC pastor peer groups that meet regularly to share, pray and support one another in the joys and challenges of ministry. **Last month, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala**, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, Virginia: Pray for WRCS as we begin our search for a new principal/head of school.

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>.

Holy Week Events

Wednesday, March 28, 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Scripture & Prayer at Christina Litwiller's home.

Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday service is 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

Sunday, April 1, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise worship and breakfast is at Butch & Marla Stucky's home, 1817 E. Schippel Rd. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. Sign up to contribute food to the breakfast after the service.

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.

Study the Bible together in the church basement.

- All Glory and Honor
- *He Has Risen* – Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Easter worship including communion is 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.

Greeter: Vera Zerger

Worship Leader: Tom Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Upcoming Events

April 3	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
April 8	Hymn Sing & Sharing	10:00 a.m.
April 13-14	50 th Annual Kansas Relief Sale	
April 15	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
April 21	Salina Spring Spruce Up Day	
April 26	Church Board	5:45 p.m.

Announcements

Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk! Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit mcc.org/lunch-learn for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org.

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. Use the green papers on the back table to offer your contribution to the service.

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

Spring Spruce Up Day in Salina is April 21. This is an opportunity to work with other people in our community.

Hygiene Supplies Needed for Area Children: Central Kansas Mental Health Center needs hygiene supplies for children and youth aged 8-17 staying at its Martin Youth Crisis Center. Items needed are travel/hotel size soap, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner as well as toothbrushes and combs.

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