

Salina Mennonite Church

The Story: Chapter Fourteen

April 29, 2018

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

Greeter: Amanda Ediger

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Tom Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Teresa Weaver

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 14
- *A Kingdom Torn in Two* – 1 Kings 12-16

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – All Glory and Honor
- *Blessing, Glory, Honor Forever* – Revelation 5:6-14

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *God is here today*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Leader: God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.

People: **Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and truly worship you,**

Leader: through Jesus our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

—John D. Rempel

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Hymn *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* Hymnal 53

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *The Split in the Kingdom*

Scripture Video *A Kingdom Torn in Two* 1 Kings 12-16

Hymn *Come, ye disconsolate* Hymnal 497

Sermon *Things Fall Apart*

Hymn *I am weak and I need thy strength* Hymnal 553

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

You are invited to share joys, concerns, and other things that are on your heart.

Offering

Offering Response *With joy, O God, we give to you* (Tune: Hymnal 46)

*With joy, O God, we give to you our tithes and offerings;
We ask that you would make the most of these material things.
Beyond ourselves, beyond these walls, let all our gifts expand.
Make us a witness to the world, a blessing of your hand.*

Hymn *Jesus, thou mighty Lord* Hymnal 115

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

*For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.*

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

--Psalm 130:7-8, NRSV

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly Planning team, as they prepare for our conference gathering July 27-28 in central Kansas. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is leading this team.

Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for all seniors who graduate this weekend as they go forth into the world to make a difference and begin a new chapter in their lives

Pray for transitions in denominational leadership. Pray for Ervin Stutzman as he retires on April 30 after eight years of serving as the executive director for MC USA. Pray for Glen Guyton as he begins serving as the new executive director on May 1.

Journey International: Pray for Quinn Kathrineberg as she finishes her time in Ecuador and prepares to return to the US. Read Quinn's blog at <https://quinnkberg.wixsite.com/quinninquito>.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together.
- *Chapter 15: God's Messengers*

Basement — everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together
- *Giving from a Generous Heart* – Ex. 35:20-29; 1 Cor. 9:6-8

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Theme: God's Messengers

Greeter: Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader: Lois Newcomer

Storyteller: Barb Kathrineberg

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

Upcoming Events

May 2	Midweek Prayers @ Christina's	7:15 p.m.
May 8	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
May 10	Circles of the Heartland Meal	5:30 p.m.
May 13	Celebration Sunday	10:00 a.m.

Announcements

Midweek Prayers: A weekly Wednesday evening prayer service is at 7:15 at Pastor Christina's home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Circles of the Heartland Meal: We are serving the meal at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 10. Menu includes haystacks and bar cookies. Sign up to help with food, serving, or cleanup.

Project Salina 2018: Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies to those in crisis. We are collecting tuna and monetary donations through May 31. A \$25 contribution purchases 44 cans.

Celebrate Mother's Day by supporting mothers around the world through MCC Infant Care Kits! Help mothers, who are displaced by war or disaster, give their infants a good start. The kit contents have changed recently, visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Send love around the world this Mother's Day! Contact katemast@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 with questions.

Homemade Ice Cream? If you are willing to supply homemade ice cream for the Ice Cream Social on May 20, contact one of the church board members (Butch, Gary, Amanda) this week.

MCC Tour: Join the upcoming MCC Haiti Learning Tour from September 22 to 27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they – with your support – are building a brighter future for their communities.

Contact Jordan Penner at jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837 for more information.

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