

Salina Mennonite Church

May 6, 2018

The Story: Chapter Fifteen

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

Greeter: Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader: Lois Newcomer **Storyteller:** Barb Kathrineberg

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Donna Burnett

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 15
- *God's Messengers* – Selections from 1&2 Kings, Hosea, Amos

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – Give Praise to God
- *Giving from a Generous Heart* – Ex. 35:20-29; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Peace before us* Sing the Story 16

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

All: *God, be gracious to us when we call, and answer us.*

Leader: Be with us in times of distress, when we are anxious, when things do not go our way.

People: **God, we seek you and want to be faithful.**

Leader: Help us to hear your words so that we can offer our days to you, and live according to your plan.

People: **God, we trust in you and give you thanks.**

Leader: We remember all the things you have done for us, and give praise for all you will continue to do.

People: **God, we have witnessed your light.**

All: *You have put gladness in our hearts.
You have given us peace. Amen.*

—Mary Ann Weber, Goshen, Indiana

Hymn *God of our strength* Hymnal 36

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *Elijah and Elisha*

Scripture Video *God's Messengers*
1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2; 4; 6; Hosea 4-5; 8-9; 14; Amos 1; 3-5; 9

Hymn *Let justice flow like streams* Sing the Journey 65

Sermon *God's Messengers: Speaking Truth to Power*

Hymn *I bind my heart this tide* Hymnal 411

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

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

Offering

Offering Response *We give thee but thine own, vv. 1&2* Hymnal 384

Hymn *You are salt for the earth* Hymnal 226

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Churchwide Prayer Requests

From WDC: Pray for youth ministers from WDC congregations attending The Gathering Live this weekend in Kansas City, joining others from across Mennonite Church USA for fellowship, worship and practical resourcing for faith formation.

From MMN: Today, “Sent 2018” is concluding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters worshiped and learned about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

From MEA: Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for the more than 550 graduates at EMU’s 100th Commencement Ceremony. We give special thanks for the presence of speaker, Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee (’07).

From MCUSA: The MC USA Executive Board and Constituency Leaders Council held joint meetings in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, last month. Pray for their continuing work with Journey Forward, leadership transition, and discussions about credentialing and leadership appointments.

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 13, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together.
- Review Chapters 12-15

Basement — everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together
- *Bringing Firstfruits* – Leviticus 23:9-14, 22

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Theme: Celebration Sunday **Greeter:** David Van Tassel

Worship Leader: Luke Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Mike Mattson

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

Celebration for Tasha Gleysteen follows worship May 13.

Upcoming Events

May 8	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
May 9	Midweek Prayers @ Christina’s	7:15 p.m.
May 10	Circles of the Heartland Meal	5:30 p.m.
May 20	Quinn’s Ecuador Experience	9:00 a.m.
	SMC Founders’ Experience	10:00 a.m.
	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
	Ice Cream Social	6:00 p.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 this 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.

Neighborhood Ice Cream Social: Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up to bring ice cream, toppings and/or cookies. Use the postcards and fliers to invite neighbors and friends to attend.

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