

**Salina Mennonite Church**  
**August 26, 2018**  
***The Story: Chapter Twenty-Seven***

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

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**Greeter:** Gary Weathers  
**Worship Leader:** Annelle Claassen      **Storyteller:** Tom Claassen  
**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller      **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

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

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 27
- *The Resurrection* – Selections from The Gospels

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ
- *Practicing Justice* – Colossians 3:5-17

**10:00 a.m. WORSHIP**

**Gathering Song**      *God of the Bible*      Sing the Journey 27

**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**      *Up from the Grave He Arose*      arr. Wallace Hornibook

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: Triumphant God,

**People: we rejoice together  
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We give thanks for the faithful women

**People: who traveled to the tomb early in the morning  
and carried their fragrant spices.**

Leader: We give thanks for the heavenly messenger  
**People: whose good news amazed the women  
and transformed them into evangelists.**

Leader: We give thanks for the glorious hope  
**People: that death has lost its sting  
and joy comes forth from sorrow.**

Leader: Renew your life in us, O God;  
**People: grant us courage to live  
as people empowered by the resurrection  
all the days of our lives!**

**All: We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

—Marlene Kropf; Based on Matthew 28:1-10

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**Hymn**      *Let's sing unto the Lord*      Hymnal 55

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

**Storytelling**      *Jesus Has Risen!*

**Scripture Video**      *The Resurrection*  
Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19-21

**Hymn**      *Low in the grave he lay*      Hymnal 273

**Sermon**      *Resurrection Stories*

**Hymn**      *Thine is the glory*      Hymnal 269

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

*How have you experienced joy and God's love this week?  
Where have you seen the need for God's peace this week?*

**Offering**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*      arr. Cindy Berry

**Offering Response**      *Grant us, Lord, the grace*      Hymnal 388

**Hymn**      *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*      Sing the Journey 14

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Benediction**

## NEXT SUNDAY, September 2, 2018

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

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
- *Session 1.1: Belovedness and Confession*

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Richard Burnett

**Worship Leader:** Lori Schmidt

**Storyteller:** Lois Newcomer

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Donna Burnett

### Pastor Christina's Schedule This Week

**Office Hours:** 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available other times by text, phone, or email

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 4	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	Backyard Cookout	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 27	Church Board	5:45 p.m.

### Journey Forward: Pathways

Journey Forward is Mennonite Church USA's churchwide renewal process of engaging in Scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. Its purpose is to renew our local and denomination wide identity and affirm our core beliefs as we live out the mission to which God calls us. The process invites you to connect how you're living God's call to broader church mission and draws our attention to how the Living Word is moving in our midst.

Propelled by the energy and outcomes of the 2017 Future Church Summit (FCS), a "Renewed Commitments" document concisely names core values orienting MC USA toward a faithful future. These are organized into four theological themes. The accompanying "Pathways" study guide is a resource for use in exploring how we might live out these values in our context.

**Everyone is encouraged to join the Pathways discussion at 9:00 each Sunday from September through November.**

### Announcements

**MennoGrass 2018:** Join the fun at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park (891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton) *tonight*, August 26. There is no cost, but please bring lawn chairs. Supper served at 5:30 pm, and music from 6-8 pm. The two groups this year are *Hopeful Blues* and the *Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band*.

**The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for water development in Guatemala. See the paper on the back bulletin board for details.

**Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018** - The registration forms for the 2018 Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are due August 27! Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, is the featured speaker, and Annelle is part of the planning committee. Registration information is available online at: <http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/>. Something for everyone! Yoga, swimming, art, spiritual direction and much more!

**Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Come out to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary! Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am with the Whale playground dedication at 5pm and annual meeting following. Register [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Potential Giving Project:** Prairie View, one of WDC's Institutional Partners, has a wish list of recreation equipment They would appreciate it if you would donate cash, so they may purchase the items to "appropriate need and specifications." Please go to [www.prairieview.org](http://www.prairieview.org). Thank you!

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