

Salina Mennonite Church
September 9, 2018
The Story: Chapter Twenty-Nine

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

Greeter: Amanda Ediger **Worship Leader:** Mike Mattson
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
 - *Theme 1: Identity & Context*
 - *Session 1.2: Sin, Truth-telling, Repentance*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *You've got a place* Sing the Journey 4

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 *Prealudium 1* J. S. Bach

Opening Prayer

Leader: God who spoke the world into being,
speak your wisdom among us today.

**People: We seek your wisdom
to live in shalom with all creation.**

Leader: God who loves the world extravagantly,
draw us near to your heart this day.

**People: We seek to know your perfect love
that drives out all fear.**

Leader: God who gives bread to the hungry,
fill us with courage to freely share
the bread of your Word.

**People: We seek your power
to loosen our shackled tongues
that the whole world might rejoice to hear
the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

ALL: Come, let us unite our voices in praise of God!

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Hymn *The love of God* Sing the Journey 44

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *God Uses Paul*

Scripture Video *Paul's Mission*
Selections from Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Thessalonians

Hymn *As I went down to the river* Sing the Journey 79

Sermon *Traveling Companions*

Hymn *Will you let me be your servant* Hymnal 307

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 *Traveling Mercies* arr. Kathy Smith

Offering Response *Praise God from whom* Hymnal 119A

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

Local Prayer Requests

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC congregations and groups participating in the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward process, as they engage the Renewed Commitments document through study, worship and feedback.

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network are beginning an assignment in Nazareth, Israel. Pray for them as they visit hospital patients, teach English, and assist with communication projects.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: LAC educator Dini Shahini is traveling to the states to connect with donors and share the story of God's work in Lezha in different churches. Pray for safe travel and meaningful connections.

Pray for the **Peace and Justice Support Network**, and other groups and individuals working for immigration justice.

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NEXT SUNDAY, September 16, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways* together
 - Theme 1: Identity & Context
 - Session 1.3: Restoration and Commitment

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Ted Hale

Worship Leader: Mark Krehbiel

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Lori Schmidt

We will distribute invitations to the backyard cookout after worship Sunday, September 16. NO Third Sunday Potluck.

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. 16	Backyard Cookout	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 27	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 2	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.

Backyard Cookout

Sunday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

- Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to our annual cookout.
 - Help distribute invitations to our church neighbors after worship September 16
- Meat, buns, beans, table service, and drinks are provided.
 - Sign up to bring side dishes or desserts.
 - Sign up to help with setup beginning at 5:00.

Congregational Meeting

Agenda for the September 23 congregational meeting includes:

- Committee/coordinator reports
- Sabbatical report from Pastor Christina
- Looking ahead to 2019 – Organization & budget

Announcements

Journey Forward: The purpose of Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward 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. **Everyone is encouraged to join the Pathways discussion at 9:00 each Sunday from September through November.**

The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride is September 15th. See the paper on the back bulletin board for details.

Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old! Come out to camp on Sunday, September 23 and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary! Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am with the Whale

playground dedication at 5pm. Register campmennoscah.org.

As part of WDC's Year of Evangelism, join brothers and sisters in Christ for: *Telling the Jesus Story*, a seminar focused on testimony, to be held October 26-27 at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas TX. Keynote speaker: John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Mennonite Church. A van from the Newton, KS area is an option. More information and registration at: mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/

From MCUSA: MC USA encourages you to "Learn, Pray, Join" for immigration justice now. Watch a recording of an immigration justice webinar at mennoniteusa.org/ijwebinarfull. Find ways to support immigration justice at <http://mennoniteusa.org/ij>.

Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking weekly volunteers for October, November and December 2018! Contact Deanna Frey by calling 1-800-241-8111 or visit mds.mennonite.net.

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