

Salina Mennonite Church

September 23, 2018

The Story: Chapter Thirty

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

Greeter: Lois Newcomer

Worship Leader: Ted Zerger

Storyteller: Butch Stucky

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
 - *Theme 2: Follow Jesus*
 - *Session 2.1: Radical Christian Discipleship*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Rain down* Sing the Journey 49

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together as the family of faith.

People: We assemble to honor the living God.

Leader: Through Christ we become God's holy household.

People: In Christ we are bonded together to be God's people.

Leader: Our worship is united into oneness by the Holy Spirit.

**People: In communion with the Holy Spirit,
let us celebrate our unity.**

—Arlene M. Mark; From *Words for Worship*;
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Hymn *Heart with loving heart united* Hymnal 420

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *God's Servant*

Scripture Video *Paul's Final Days*
Acts 20-28; Ephesians 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4

Hymn *I'll praise my maker* Hymnal 166

Sermon *Paul's Legacy: Unity in Christ*

Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* Hymnal 327

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

Offering Response *Praise God from whom* Hymnal 119A

Hymn *Go, my children* Hymnal 433

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

A congregational meeting follows worship in the sanctuary.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, as they network congregations and provide resources for faithful responses to immigration concerns.

Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with Mennonite Mission Network as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College community, alumni guests and others who gather on campus this week to celebrate homecoming. May time spent together produce opportunities to connect with the college and each other.

Join MC USA in global prayer for immigration justice as we observe Peace Sunday today, September 23, 2018.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways together*
 - Theme 2: Follow Jesus
 - Session 2.2: Anabaptist Understandings of Scripture

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Tracie Smucker

Worship Leader: Vera Zerger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Gary Weathers

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Upcoming Events

Sept. 27	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 2	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Oct. 20	Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast @ Stuckys'	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.

Announcements

Journey Forward: Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward seeks to renew our local and denomination-wide identity and affirm our core beliefs as we live out the mission to which God calls us.

Please join the Pathways discussion at 9:00 each Sunday from September through November.

From MCUSA: This summer, the *Holding It(,) Together* podcast of MC USA's Women in Leadership has focused on "Breaking Silences" and courageously facing conversations that have been put off for too long. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>

Come to Hesston College for Homecoming 2018 – September 27 to 30: The weekend will be filled with events for all ages for alumni, friends and the public. Highlights include alumni athlete and coach presentations, recognition of Kansas City General Hospital nursing graduates, Two-Mile Run/Walk: The Manickam Mosey, a free picnic meal and kids' festival, naming of Sieber Field soccer field and headline entertainment by bluegrass favorites, The Steel Wheels. See schedule and register for events at hesston.edu/homecoming. Buy Steel Wheels tickets at hesston.edu/bookstore.

Comforter Mini Blitz – October 12 & 13: Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event at the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton. Details on poster in the entryway or online at www.mcc.org/comforter-mini-blitz.

The annual Empty Bowls Fundraising Dinner is on October 21st from 5pm to 7pm at First Covenant Church, 2625 E. Magnolia. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and free for kids under 4. Tickets are on sale now at the Food Bank.

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fundraising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org. Every voice matters. Every dollar counts.

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