

# Salina Mennonite Church

November 11, 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:** Gary Weathers

**Storyteller:** Lois Newcomer

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

## 9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
  - *Theme 4: Experience Transformation*
  - *Session 4.2: The Power of the Holy Spirit*

## 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

### Journey Forward: Follow Jesus

**Gathering Song**     *Jesus, be the center*     Sing the Story 31

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Prelude**     *This Little Light of Mine*     arr. Calvin Taylor

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** God calls out to all who would follow.

**People:** God calls us in creation and within the human heart.

**Leader:** God calls us in Scripture and through the church.

**People:** God calls us in history and human experience.

**Leader:** God calls us to life and wholeness.

**People:** God calls us to healing and hope.

**Leader:** God calls us to follow in the way of Jesus.

**People:** God calls out to all who would follow.

**Hymn**     *Come and See*     Hymnal 20

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

### Storytelling

**Hymn**     *When we walk with the Lord*     Hymnal 544

### Prayer of Confession

**We have followed the ways of the world more than the ways of Christ, forgiving God. Our hands have built walls instead of tearing them down. We have comforted ourselves more than others. Our love for one another has not burned bright enough for the world to see it. So, forgive us, merciful God, and direct us back to the path that Christ has trod. Set our feet to walking in the path of peace. Ignite our hearts with the flame of justice. Bind us together with the cords of Christ's love so that they may know we are Christians by our love.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**     (1 John 1:9)

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Hymn**     *I want to walk as a child of the light*     Sing the Journey 95

**Scripture**     *1 John 1:5-10; 4:7-12*     Pew Bible 989

**Sermon**     *How Do We Follow Jesus?*

### Sermon Response

**Hymn**     *I bind my heart this tide*     Hymnal 411

### Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

**Offering & Prayer**     *Love Medley*     arr. Marilyn Ham

**Hymn**     *Guide my feet*     Hymnal 546

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Pray for the WDC Executive Board** meeting next Saturday, as they lead WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.

**Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God** for the joy Alisha and Joshua Garber find as they participate in the ministries of the Barcelona Mennonite Church and share the good news of Jesus with the wider community in Spain. Pray that they may find a balance between serving others and nurturing family relationships.

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Join the Bethel College community in prayer during the annual fall 24 Hours of Prayer today.

**Pray for the MC USA Racial Ethnic Council** as they hold their gathering in Kansas City on Nov. 15-17.

## Renewed Commitments for MC USA

A Living Document for the Journey Forward Process<sup>1</sup>

God invites us to experience and bear witness to the belovedness of all creation. We yearn to know and share in the mystery of God's unending love.

We confess that sin fragments our wholeness and strains our relationships with God, each other and the world. Confronted with the misuses of power in our lives, communities and institutions, we seek to tell the truth and repent.

The Holy Spirit beckons us toward the restoration of all things in Christ. God continually calls us beloved. On this journey together, we commit to:

**Follow Jesus:** As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JF\\_-\\_DRAFT-Document-V3.pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JF_-_DRAFT-Document-V3.pdf)

**Witness to God's peace:** We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and in all places.

**Experience transformation:** The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel.

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Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats (Obstacles)

## Pathways

A study structured around the four "Renewed Commitments" themes<sup>2</sup>

### Theme 2: Follow Jesus

#### Anabaptist Understandings of Scripture

1. How/when do we read Scripture together?
2. How have multiple understanding of Scripture affected our congregation?
3. What could we do to increase or enhance our engagement with Scripture?

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<sup>2</sup> <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/pathways-study-guide/>

## Baptism in the Believers' Church

4. What does baptism mean to you? To our congregation?
5. How have you pledged to serve Jesus?
6. What is your commitment to Salina Mennonite Church?
  - a. What does membership mean at SMC?

## Radical Christian Discipleship

7. What might it look like for us to practice radical discipleship right now in our community?
8. How could we demonstrate radical kindness?

### NEXT SUNDAY, November 18, 2018 9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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  - Session 4.3: Revealing God's Beauty

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Lynn Newcomer

**Worship Leader:** Lori Schmidt

**Storyteller:** Carolyn Funk

**Speaker:** Gary Weathers

**Piano:** Donna Burnett

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship November 18.**

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Nov. 28	Church Board @ Christina's Home	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 3	Worship Committee @ Tucson's	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.

## Announcements

**Join the Conversation:** November worship will center on the topics we've been discussing during Christian Education this fall. Make every effort to be here as we consider our local and denominational identity and discern the mission to which God is calling us.

**The 19th Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive** to benefit the Salina Rescue Mission is at all three Dillons Stores: Friday, November 16, 2pm – 7 pm and Saturday, November 17, 10am – 3 pm.

**César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference**, will visit in Kansas in November. Meet him at a reception from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Tuesday, Nov 20, at the Mennonite Church USA offices at [718 North Main Street, Newton, KS](http://718NorthMainStreetNewtonKS.com). César will speak about Mennonite World Conference at 10:00. **First Mennonite Church**, 1161 E. Ave A, McPherson, KS, invites you to a German Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday Dec 1 from 5-7 pm. The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos. The dinner is by donation.

**Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa shares personal reflections** on death, grief and supporting each other on the **Menno Snapshots blog**. Read her thoughts at [mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss](http://mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss).

**MCC and WDC are co-sponsoring** a Texas Borderlands Learning Tour May 5-10, 2019. Contact Pastor Christina for more information if you are interested in participating in this tour.

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