

# Salina Mennonite Church

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

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**Greeter:** Barb Kathrineberg

**Worship Leader:** Vera Zenger

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Story:** Annelle Claassen

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

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**March 10, 2018**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**God's Hand Delivers Us**

*When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation, God's hand delivers us. We confess our trust in a saving God.*

## Gathering

**Gathering Song** *Ancient Words*

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Candle**

*We light this candle to remind us of God's presence with us.*

**Prelude** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* arr. John Carter

**Call to worship** (based on Psalms 63 and 91)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People:** **Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,  
who commands his angels to guard us.

**People:** **God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble.**

**All:** **O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,  
and you uphold us.**

**Setting the Table**

**Hymn** *We Sing to You, O God* Sing the Journey 1

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## Hearing God's Word

**Storytelling**

**Scripture** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* Pew Bible 158

**Scripture in Song** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* Sing the Story 36

**Sermon** *A Matter of Trust*

## Confessing/Reconciling

**Hymn** *When We Are Tempted* Sing the Story 81

**Preparation** (Romans 10:11-13)

*Scripture says, "No one who believes in God will be put to shame."  
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all  
and is generous to all who call on God.  
For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
Who will call upon the Lord today?  
(Response and Reflection)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

**All:** **Saving God, we call upon you, for you alone can save.  
When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness,  
we call to you.**

Leader: When we face temptations,  
we call to you.  
When our souls hunger for what only you can provide,  
we call to you.

**All:** **In the morning and in the evening,  
we will call upon the Lord.**

**Words of Assurance**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

## Responding

**Hymn** *And I Will Raise You Up* Hymnal 596

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

*You are invited to share joys and concerns, reflections on today's  
service, as well as stories of your faith journey.*

**My Coins Count Collection**

**Offering** *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Mark Hayes

**Offering Response** *Lord of All Good* Sing the Journey 60

## Sending

**Hymn** *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* Sing the Journey 77

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**A congregational meeting follows worship in the sanctuary.**

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**From WDC:** Pray for WDC congregations experiencing pastoral transition, as they determine next steps in congregational discernment and pastoral search processes.

**From MMN:** Alisha, Joshua and Asher Garber of Mennonite Mission Network are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona's residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place where they can flourish in the coming year.

**Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:** The Lancaster Mennonite High School Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners are blessed in each concert. Pray for safety as students travel to the different locations.

**From MCUSA:** Pray for church planters as they share from their experience, and Mennonite Mission Network staff as they introduce The Sent Network, a new online platform to support church planters, during a webinar on Wednesday, March 13.

### NEXT SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

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

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Soul Tending* by Anita Amstutz
- Chapter 6 – Reimagining Work

Downstairs – Bible Study

- Call to Discipleship
- *Lost and Found* – Luke 15:11-24

#### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Lee Walker

**Worship Leader:** Ted Zerger

**Story:** Leadell Ediger

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Music:** Teresa Weaver

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship March 17.**

### Pastor Christina's Schedule

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

This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.  
Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

## Upcoming Events

March 17	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
March 28	Church Board	4:00 p.m.
April 2	Worship Committee @ Zergers	7:15 p.m.
April 12 & 13	Kansas Relief Sale @ Hutchison	

## Announcements

**Spring Spruce-Up** is a volunteer morning that has around six to seven different projects for our community members to help make a difference in Salina. It will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 7:30 am to noon. Meet at the Friends of the River and have a free continental breakfast before separating to different projects. More information is posted in the entryway.

**MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA convention), is coming up July 2-6, 2019!** Everyone is encouraged to register by the early registration due-date of March 19, after which registration cost increases **Be one of the first 2,000 people to register** and receive a new Voices Together hymnal when it's available. This is great opportunity to participate in the larger church. . Information:

<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

**Returning Citizen Care Kits Needed:** MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the [Material Resources](#) page of our website or by visiting our wish list on [Amazon](#) (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita, Kansas where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison. Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.270.

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