

# 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:** Lois Newcomer

**Worship Leader:** Vera Zenger

**Speaker:** Andy Houltberg

**Story:** Annelle Claassen

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

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**March 24, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**God Gathers Us Together in Safe Shelter**

*When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter.  
We seek the light of God's face.*

## Gathering

**Gathering Song** *I Will Come to You in the Silence* Sing the Story 49

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Candle**

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

**Prelude** *He Leadeth Me* arr. Melody Bober

**Call to worship** (based on Psalms 63 & 27)

**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:** The Lord is our light and our salvation—  
we shall not be afraid.

**People:** **We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,  
for we will see God's goodness.**

**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** *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* Hymnal 13

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## Hearing God's Word

**Storytelling**

**Scripture** *Luke 10:25-37* Pew Bible 844

**Sermon** *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

## Confessing/Reconciling

**Hymn** *Lead Me, Lord*

Hymnal 538

**Preparation** (Psalm 27:7-9)

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord do I  
seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant  
away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off,  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

Who will seek the Lord today?

(Response and Reflection)

**Prayer of Confession**

**Leader:** We are all invited to seek the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

**All:** *Sheltering God, we seek you,  
for you alone are our light and salvation.  
When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.*

**Leader:** When our fears overcome us and paralyze us,  
we seek your face.

When our souls hunger for your shelter, we seek your face.

**All:** *In the morning and in the evening,  
we will seek the face of our God.*

**Words of Assurance**

**Leader:** Our generous God provides for us.

## Responding

**Hymn** *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus*

Hymnal 598

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

**My Coins Count Collection**

**Offering** *You Are Mine*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Offering Response** *Lord of All Good*

Sing the Journey 60

## Sending

**Hymn** *Thy Holy Wings*

Sing the Journey 118

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker.** Andy Houltberg is executive director of Ashby House. Ashby House empowers homeless families and individuals to improve self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, and holistic recovery.

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**From WDC:** Pray for students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.

**From MMN:** Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Thank God for the gift of music and the willingness to share it as the Bethel College Concert Choir wraps up their spring break tour this evening in Memorial Hall.

**From MCUSA:** Pray for the Executive Board as they meet March 31-April 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

## NEXT SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

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

Upstairs – Book Study

- Next topic has not been determined

Downstairs – Bible Study

- Call to Ministry
- *Purposeful Following* – Matthew 4:12-22

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Carolyn Funk

**Worship Leader:** Ted Zenger

**Story:** Leadell Ediger

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Music:** Donna Burnett

## Upcoming Events

March 28	Church Board	4:00 p.m.
April 2	Worship Committee @ Zengers	7:15 p.m.
April 12 & 13	Kansas Relief Sale @ Hutchison	
April 13	Salina Spring Spruce Up	7:30 a.m.
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 p.m.
April 21	Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast	7:00 a.m.

## Announcements

**Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 12 & 13** at the Kan. Fairgrounds in Hutch. Helpers are needed to make New Years Cookies. Two hour shifts are available on both days. Contact Pastor Christina if you are interested in volunteering.

**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.

**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? Please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.270. Thank you for your generous support!

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