

Salina Mennonite Church

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

Greeter: Richard Burnett

Worship Leader: Vera Zerger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Story: Annelle Claassen

Piano: Donna Burnett

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

God Makes a Way through Mighty Waters

When we are exhausted, God makes a way through mighty waters.

We move forward in hope as God does a new thing.

Gathering

Gathering Song *The Lord Is My Light* Sing the Journey 97

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candle

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

Prelude

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 & 126)

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 does great things for us, and we rejoice!

People: **The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.**

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 Praise Thee, O God* Hymnal 99

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Mary's Story *based on John 12:1-8* Pew Bible 874

Scripture *Isaiah 43:16-21* Pew Bible 586

Sermon *God Makes a Way*

Confessing/Reconciling

Hymn *Joys Are Flowing Like a River* Hymnal 301

Preparation (from Isaiah 43:16-21)

Thus says the Lord: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Who will see the new work of God?

(Response and Reflection)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We are all invited to see the new work of God.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *God of hope, give us eyes to see the new work
you are doing among us.*

*When we struggle to discern what lies ahead,
we will see the new work of God.*

Leader: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope,

we will see the new work of God.

When our souls hunger for your presence,

we will see the new work of God.

All: *In the morning and in the evening,
we will see the new work of God.*

Words of Assurance

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Responding

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Hymnal 493

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.

Offering/ My Coins Count Collection

Offering Prayer

Sending

Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Hymnal 575

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Churchwide Prayer Requests

From WDC: Pray for WDC pastors and church members gathering at Camp Mennoscah this week for a retreat on “Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair.”

From MMN: Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network have been working with the Mennonite churches in the area around Iquitos, Peru. Recently, their request for visa renewal was denied. Pray for God’s comfort and guidance as they discern next steps.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College students, faculty and staff as they anticipate and prepare for the busyness that accompanies the final few weeks of the school year.

From MCUSA: "As I travel around MC USA, I am always amazed at the great work happening in the various places I visit." Read reflections from MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton on his visit to Virginia Mennonite Conference: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/that-they-may-be-one. Pray for Glen and his family as he provides leadership for MCUSA.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Seek Peace & Pursue It: Women, Faith, and Family Care*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- Call to Ministry
- *Remembering Good Deeds* – Matthew 26:1-13

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Tracie Smucker

Worship Leader: Ted Zerger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Story: Lori Schmidt

Music: Donna Burnett

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

April 13	Salina Spring Spruce Up	7:30 a.m.
May 1	Church Board @ Christina’s	4:00 p.m.
May 7	Worship Committee @ Zergers	7:15 p.m.

Holy Week Events

6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18: Our **Maundy Thursday** service will be at the church in the upstairs fellowship area. We will eat a simple meal, share communion, sing together, and remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus

7:00 a.m. Sunday, April 21: Come for **Easter Sunrise worship and breakfast** at Butch & Marla Stucky’s home. Bring your own lawn chair and/or blanket. Sign up to contribute a breakfast casserole, muffins, bread, or juice for breakfast after the service.

10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 21: Come for **Easter worship including communion** at the church. As part of communion, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

(There will be no Third Sunday Potluck.)

Announcements

Now is the time to register for MennoCon19. Join us July 2-6 for an engaging experience suited for everyone! Register at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration.

Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah, April 27: Work begins at 8:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm, then play begins. Lunch will be served. Register: online campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Is there such a thing as a Mennonite song? Read a series of reflections from committee members of the **Voices Together new hymnal project** on the Menno Snapshots blog:

mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together

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