

Salina Mennonite Church

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

Greeter: Tom Claassen
Worship Leader: Kathy Neufeld Dunn **Story:** Annelle Claassen
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

April 21, 2019

Easter

Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

*As we rejoice in and bear witness to the risen Christ,
we commit to finding Christ among the living.*

Gathering

Gathering Song *Low in the Grave He Lay* Hymnal 273

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candle

Prelude *Up from the Grave He Arose* arr. Wallace Hornibrook

Call to worship (from Psalm 118)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Setting the Table

Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Hymnal 280

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Hymn *This Joyful Eastertide* Hymnal 276

Scripture *Luke 24:1-12* Pew Bible 860

Sermon *Seeking Life*

Sharing the Table

Prayer of Confession

Response *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* Sing the Journey 17

Communion Liturgy for Easter Sunday

Hymn *Taste and See* Insert
Sing the Journey 86

Responding

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 *Christ the Lord is risen today* arr. Cindy Berry

Offering Prayer

Sending

The Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn *Christ Is Alive* Sing the Story 89

Benediction

Anyone who desires to follow God's ways is invited to participate in communion. On Communion Sunday we have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. Include your donation in your offering check or place it in the basket.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

From WDC: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet next Saturday to guide the mission and priorities of our conference.

From MMN: On Friday, Mennonite Mission Network's Sent conference will begin at The Beloved Community Mennonite Church in Denver, Colorado. Pray for this three-day event that will bring together Mennonite Church USA leaders to seek God's plan for energizing existing congregations and planting new ones in the context of the 21st century.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the IBA students at the Study Center in Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, Texas, and their tutor Juan Limones as they meet weekly for an introduction to the Old Testament. May these studies be a source for spiritual growth for students and this leadership training a blessing for congregations and communities.

From MCUSA: Pray for church planters and pastors who are attending the Sent conference in Denver, Colorado, April 26-28. Learn more about how to join in and support peace church planting in MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 28, 2018

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: Amanda Ediger

Piano: Donna Burnett

Everyone is invited to contribute to a somewhat impromptu worship service April 28. It will be similar to our Christmas Eve Service using your suggestions. This is your chance to suggest a song you always wish we'd sing, tell a story, or share a poem or some other reading. If possible, give your suggestions to Pastor Christina before next Sunday. Otherwise, bring them with you.

Upcoming Events

May 1	Church Board @ Christina's	4:00 p.m.
May 7	Worship Committee @ Zergers	7:15 p.m.
May 9	Circles of the Heartland Meal	5:30 p.m.
May 19	MCC Ride for Relief Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
May 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
June 1	Backyard Festival	2:00 p.m.

Announcements

Circles of the Heartland Meal: We are providing a meal at 1st Presbyterian Church Thursday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be available soon.

MCC Ride for Relief: We are serving breakfast pastries and coffee to 60 motorcycle riders before they travel on to South Hutchinson on Sunday, May 19. Riders will arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. and depart by 8:30. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

My Coins Count: Our contribution to MCC through the My Coins Count jar was \$214.75. Thank you for your generosity.

From WDC: Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God's work in 2019. In his book *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine."

Contribute online at <http://mennowdc.org> or send to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

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