

Salina Mennonite Church

May 5, 2019

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

Greeter: Gary Weathers
Worship Leader: Tom Claassen **Storyteller:** Butch Stucky
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Donna Burnett

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Rain Down* Sing the Journey 49

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Leader: God who spoke the world into being,
speak your wisdom among us today.

**People: We seek your wisdom
to live in shalom with all creation.**

Leader: God who loves the world extravagantly,
draw us near to your heart this day.

**People: We seek to know your perfect love
that drives out all fear.**

Leader: God who gives bread to the hungry,
fill us with courage to freely share
the bread of your Word.

**People: We seek your power
to loosen our shackled tongues
that the whole world might rejoice to hear
the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

ALL: Come, let us unite our voices in praise of God!

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Hymn *God Is Here Among Us* Hymnal 16

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Scripture *Genesis 2:4b-25* Pew Bible 2

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal 156

Sermon *The Earth Is the Lord's*

Song *You Are All We Have* Sing the Journey 29

Reflection

- ❖ Where do you most see evidence of God's presence in creation?
- ❖ How does caring for creation connect with loving my neighbor?
- ❖ How could we improve our church's ecological impact?

Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* Hymnal 367

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

Offering Response *With joy, O God, we give to you* (Tune: Hymnal 46)
*With joy, O God, we give to you our tithes and offerings;
We ask that you would make the most of these material things.
Beyond ourselves, beyond these walls, let all our gifts expand.
Make us a witness to the world, a blessing of your hand.*

Hymn *Heart with Loving Heart United* Hymnal 420

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Churchwide Prayer Requests

From WDC: Pray for leaders and participants in the South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour sponsored jointly by WDC and Mennonite Central Committee May 6-11. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is participating in this tour.

From MMN: South Africa's presidential election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday. Pray for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network as they work with Oscar Siwali and Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency Conflict Transformation to minimize violence and monitor the elections.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Today nearly 500 undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and Center for Justice and Peacebuilding students will be graduating at EMU's 101st Commencement Ceremony. Pray for our students as they move into the world to serve and lead in organizations and communities around the world.

From MCUSA: Pray for everyone involved in preparing for MennoCon19 in Kansas City in July.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 12, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

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

Downstairs – Bible Study

- The Spread of the Gospel
- *Called to Life in the Spirit* – Romans 8:1-14

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Henry Walker

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Tom Claassen

Speaker: Eugene Bales

Music: Lori Schmidt

Upcoming Events

May 7	Worship Committee @ Zegers	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.
May 29	Church Board @ Christina's	4:00 p.m.
June 1	Backyard Festival	2:00 p.m.

Announcements

Circles of the Heartland Meal: We are providing a meal at 1st Presbyterian Church this week on Thursday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet for food and help is on the back table.

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. Everyone is invited to mingle with these Mennonites on motorcycles.

Project Salina 2019: Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies to those in crisis. We are collecting donations for vegetables through May 31. Make checks payable to Salina Mennonite Church.

Backyard Festival: We are inviting community children to our backyard for fun activities and treats on Saturday, June 1. Activities include a bouncy house, bubbles, games, and crafts. Food will be popcorn and popsicles. Plan to attend and assist with this event.

Check out the latest MennoCon19 newsletter for info on featured seminar speakers, squads, special events and activities: mennoniteusa.org/con-letter-april

Love Crosses Borders: July 28 to August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants. More information at MennoniteMen.org or SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Support MCC via AmazonSmile: This is not a plug to begin or continue to shop at Amazon.com, but if you find yourself making an Amazon purchase, please use the AmazonSmile site. The ordering process is the same, but the difference is that 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to MCC (assuming you will choose MCC U.S. as your charitable organization!) FYI...total donations to MCC from AmazonSmile in 2018 were \$2,955; \$2,625 in 2017.

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