

# Salina Mennonite Church

## May 26, 2019

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

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**Greeter:** Vera Zerger      **Worship Leader:** Gary Weathers  
**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller      **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

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### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Gathering Song**      *Blessed Assurance*      Hymnal 332

### 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**      *The Love Of God*      Arr. Fred Bock

### Gathering Words

**Leader:** Let us receive the message of God,  
which I have heard and declare unto you.

**People:** **God is love; every one that loves  
is born of God and knows God.**

**Leader:** God is light; in God is no darkness at all.  
When we walk in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another.

**People:** **Let us declare the praises of God,  
who called us out of darkness  
into this wonderful light and this fellowship of love.**

**Leader:** O Lord our God, in this act of worship,  
we glory in your light and love  
made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** ***Make us mirrors of light and models of love;  
make us partners in your creative acts for all people.  
Reconcile us to ourselves, to others, and to yourself,  
as we glory in your light and life. Amen.***

—Arlene M. Mark. Based on 1 John 1:5, 3:11; 1 Peter 2:9  
—W.B. J. Martin, *Acts of Worship* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1960), 18 (adapted)  
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**Hymn**      *The Love of God*      Sing the Journey 44

### Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

### Storytelling

**Hymn**      *God's Family*      Sing & Rejoice 31

**Scripture**      *1 John 3:11-24*      Pew Bible 990

**Hymn**      *How Can I Say*      Sing the Story 117

**Sermon**      *Getting to the Heart of It All*

### Reflection

- ❖ What relationships in your life contribute to the basic needs of belonging, being loved, and giving love?
- ❖ How are you nurturing these relationships? What could you do?

**Music**      *In the Garden*      Sung by Massad Ray

### 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**      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*      Arr. Evonne Neuenschwander

**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**      *Open My Eyes*      Sing the Story 65

### The Lord's Prayer

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

### Benediction

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**WDC:** Pray for chaplains in Western District Conference who offer ministry in hospitals, health care and retirement communities, hospice programs and educational institutions in our local communities.

**MMN:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Venezuela. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as Mennonite congregations share what little they have with their neighbors.

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana:** Pray for seniors at Bethany Christian High School who are graduating today and are making decisions about the next steps for their lives; may they choose in light of God's calling.

**MCUSA:** Pray for Mennonite Church USA.

## NEXT SUNDAY, June 2, 2018

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

Upstairs – Book Study

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

Downstairs – Bible Study

- A Fulfilled Covenant – *Jesus Institutes the New Covenant*
- Mark 14:17-24; Hebrews 8:6-7, 10-12

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Richard Burnett

**Worship Leader:** Lois Newcomer    **Storyteller:** Gary Weathers

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller    **Music:** Donna Burnett

**A congregational meeting follows worship June 2.**

**A meal follows the meeting.**

## Upcoming Events

May 29	Church Board @ Christina's	4:00 p.m.
June 1	Backyard Festival	2:00 p.m.
June 2	Congregational Meeting & Meal	11:30 a.m.
June 4	Worship Committee @ Zergers	7:15 p.m.
June 9	Pentecost/Celebration Sunday	10:00 a.m.
June 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.

## Announcements

**Backyard Festival:** We are inviting community children to our backyard for activities and treats on Saturday, June 1, 2:00-4:00. Activities include a bouncy house, bubbles, games, and crafts. Food is popcorn and popsicles. Plan to attend and assist with this event.

**Project Salina 2019:** Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies to those in crisis. Make checks payable to Salina Mennonite Church. *Today is the last Sunday we are collecting donations for Project Salina.*

**Sunday, June 2:** Two activities are happening next Sunday after worship.

### ➤ Quarterly Congregational Meeting

- Agenda items include:
  - Committee/Activity Reports
  - Update on Visioning Process

### ➤ Celebration Meal

- Pastor Christina invites you to be her guest at a meal celebrating her tenth anniversary as pastor of Salina Mennonite Church.

**Sunday June 9:** We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday along with anything else you wish to commemorate including college and graduate school degree completions. A reception follows worship.

**Read Ruben Chupp's reflections on "Seeking Silence"** this month on the Menno Snapshots blog at [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence) and subscribe to receive MC USA e-publications in your inbox at [mennoniteusa.org/publications](http://mennoniteusa.org/publications).

**Meet the MennoCon19 worship speakers through video** and hear a bit about what they are preparing for worship at [mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos](http://mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos).

**There's still time to register to attend MennoCon19** in Kansas City this summer at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration).

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