



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

August 25, 2019

Greeter: Lynn Newcomer
Worship Leader: Ted Zerger
Speaker: Mark Krehbiel
Storyteller: Tom Claassen
Piano: Lori Schmidt

Gathering *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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Fred Bock

Gathering Words (based on Deuteronomy 30:9-14 & Luke 10:35-37)

Leader: Follow God's commands and you will live.

People: **Love God with everything you are
and everything you have.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Who is a neighbor?

People: **The one who shows mercy is a neighbor.**

Leader: God's word is in your mouth and in your heart.

People: **Follow God's commands and you will live.**

—Christina Litwiller

Hymn *Great Is the Lord* Hymnal 87

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Scripture *1 Samuel 3:1-10* Pew Bible 215
Micah 4:1-5 Pew Bible 755
1 Peter 4:10-11 Pew Bible 985

Hymn *Blest Are They* Sing the Journey 94

Sermon *A Calling?*

Hymn *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* Hymnal 307

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 *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Response *We give thee but thine own, vv. 1&2* Hymnal 384

Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* Sing the Journey 73

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the ministry of Rosie Epp who is celebrating her 40th Anniversary of Ordination at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing, KS, this morning.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the Tabor Mennonite Church congregation as they dedicate a new fellowship hall today, and for pastor Stephen Wilcox at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, KS, as they celebrate his ordination this afternoon.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Benin where post-election violence has killed more than a dozen people. Pray for peace and for the well-being of all citizens as the economy worsens. Pray also for Mission Network partners – Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital, and *La Casa Grande* children's village.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: The theme for Lancaster Mennonite School this year is "Be Transformed" (Romans 12:2). Pray that faculty and students are challenged to be transformed by values such as peacebuilding, service, restorative justice and care for the powerless, in order to bring healing and hope to our world.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the work of MCUSA. "Your donations should be and must be used to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, bring peace to our communities and facilitate the transforming work of the Holy Spirit." Executive Director Glen Guyton reflects on money matters within MC USA: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/money-matters-mc-usa.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Study to be determined*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- God Is Faithful – *Faith and Doubt*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Vera Zenger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

Worship Leader: Maya Kathrineberg

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

Aug. 28	Church Board @ Christina's	4:00 pm
Sept. 3	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:30 pm
Sept. 6-8	Women's Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	
Sept. 13	Game Night	7:00 pm
Sept. 15	Backyard Cookout	5:00 pm
Sept. 22	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
Oct. 5	National Day of Action against Domestic Violence	
Oct. 26	Visioning Retreat	9:00 am–4:00 pm

Announcements

2019 Women & Girls Retreat: Sept. 6-8 at Camp Mennoscah. The schedule and registration forms are on the back table. Tammy Duvenal Unruh, debate/forensics coach from Newton, KS will speak on the topic of being Fearless (II Tim. 1:7). Register by August 26.

Find out how churches across MC USA are offering solidarity with immigrant communities in their contexts:

mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-follow-up-to-churchwide-statement-on-the-abuse-of-child-migrants.

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Help with our collection of items for 3 places in Salina:

- **Blessing Box outside our building – ongoing project**
 - Ticonderoga no. 2 pencils
 - Colored pencils
 - Crayola crayons – 16-24 count
 - 70 page notebook
 - Notebook paper
 - Crayola washable markers
 - Ink pens
 - Puzzle or coloring books for kids or adults
- **Cottonwood School – ongoing project**
 - Expo Dry Erase Markers – pen size
 - Snacks – Cheerios, graham crackers, Cheez-Its, etc.
- **Martin Youth Crisis Center – ongoing project**
 - Toiletries