



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

## September 8, 2019

**Greeter/Storyteller:** Tom Claassen

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

**Gathering** *Ancient Words*

**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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Melody Bober

**Gathering Prayer**

Leader: Here we are Lord, your church, uncertain,  
on an ever changing path.

**People: Show us your path.**

Leader: Here we are, longing to know your way.

**People: Guide us to follow you.**

Leader: Here we are, desiring your comfort.

**People: Help us to hear your voice.**

**All: Here we are, God;**

*lead us according to your will. Amen.*

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**Hymn** *Here in This Place* Hymnal 6

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

**Storytelling**

**Scripture** *Psalm 146* Pew Bible 507

**Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymnal 37

**Sermon** *This We Believe*

**Hymn** *We Worship God the Rock* Sing the Journey 28

**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** *O Worship the King* arr. Carol Turnquist

**Offering Response** *Lord of All Good* Sing the Journey 60

**Hymn** *Give Thanks for Life* Sing the Journey 108

**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:** Pray for WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they gather for Fall Reference Council meetings next Saturday.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN praises God for Mary Beyler's 45 years of ministry in Japan. Pray for her in these final weeks of teaching, preaching, and saying good-bye. Ask God for a happy transition to Greencroft, a retirement community in Indiana.

**All Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) schools:** Today on National Grandparents Day, give thanks for grandparents, both biological and surrogate, who lovingly nurture, pass on beliefs, values and distilled wisdom to the next generation. Pray that God may grant special blessings of strength and hope-filled courage to the grandparents who have the responsibility of raising grandchildren.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pray for New York Mennonite Conference as they hold their celebration gathering on Sept. 14.

## NEXT SUNDAY, September 15, 2019

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

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner

Downstairs – Bible Study

- *God Is Faithful – God Answers Prayer*

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Lee Walker

**Worship Leader:** Kristin Van Tassel    **Storyteller:** Leadell Ediger

**Speaker:** Amy Kay Pavlovich    **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

**There is no Third Sunday Potluck after worship September 15.**

**The Annual Backyard Cookout begins at 5:00.**

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 13	Game Night	7:00 pm
Sept. 21	Rescue Mission Work Day	9:00 am
Sept. 22	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
Sept. 25	Church Board @ Christina's	3:45 pm
Oct. 2	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:00 pm
Oct. 5	National Day of Action against Domestic Violence	
Oct. 26	Visioning Retreat	9:00 am–4:00 pm

## 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

## Backyard Cookout

Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m.

- Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to our annual cookout.
- Meat, buns, beans, table service, and drinks are provided.
- Bring side dishes or desserts.
- Help with setup beginning at 4:00.

## Announcements

### September 22 Congregational Meeting Agenda:

- Committee/Activity Reports
- Update on Visioning Process: October 26 Retreat
- Looking ahead to 2020: Offering our gifts & budget

**In recognition of International Day of Peace,** Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Hesston High School Singers will present a Global Voice concert, Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

**First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS** is offering bierocks for sale, available for pick up on Saturday, September 21 from 1-4 pm. Cost: \$30 per dozen / \$15 per half dozen. A portion of the proceeds goes to a local mission. Preorder by Saturday, September 14 - e-mail [firstmennonitemac@gmail.com](mailto:firstmennonitemac@gmail.com) or phone 620-241-4040. Please leave your name, number ordered, and a contact phone number.

**Come Celebrate Another Great Year at Camp Mennoscah:** Sunday, September 22 is Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! Self-guided camp activities begin at 2:00 pm, with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Please register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) to let us know you're coming!

2019	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/1	25	\$1775.00		\$1775.00