



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

## January 12, 2020

**Greeter:** Ted Zenger      **Worship Leader:** Gary Weathers  
**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller      **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

**Gathering**      *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*      Sing the Journey 3

### 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**      *How Firm a Foundation*      arr. John Carter

#### Call to Worship

Leader: In holy splendor, we worship the Lord.

**People:** In God is glory and strength.

*All: The Lord is mighty. God is with us.*

Leader: In torrents and storms, God's peace pervades.

**People:** In rumbling thunder, the mighty voice soothes.

*All: The Lord is majestic. God is with us.*

Leader: The whisper of the Lord snaps silence.

**People:** The unwavering sound persists.

*All: The Lord is awesome. God is with us.*

Leader: As flames being fanned, the presence grows.

**People:** In its shadow the wilderness pleads.

*All: The Lord is powerful. God is with us.*

Leader: Enthroned, God rules the universe.

**People:** The peaceful scepter prevails.

*All: God reigns. God is with us.*

Leader: In whirling winds, nature acknowledges glory.

**People:** The people in the temple rejoice

*All: It is certain. God is with us.*

—Lara J. Hall, Scottsdale, PA. Based on Ps. 29  
 From *Words for Worship*; used by permission of Herald Press

**Hymn**      *O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic*      Hymnal 112

### Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

#### Storytelling

**Hymn**      *God of the Bible*      Sing the Journey 27

**Scripture**      *Matthew 3:13-17*      Pew Bible 784

**Sermon**      *The Gospel According To...*

**Hymn**      *Come, Gracious Spirit*      Hymnal 303

### 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.*

**My Coins Count**      *Money is given to MCC for projects around the world.*

**Offering**      *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*      arr. Lloyd Larson

**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.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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

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

*The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,*

*the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,*

*secure in God's word, seeking God's face,*

*abounding in love, abiding in grace.*

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC commissions in their ministries of equipping leaders, resourcing congregations, nurturing church planting, and encouraging generosity and stewardship.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for Hong Kong in this sixth month of unrest. Pray for the unity of all churches in the face of increasing repression by the Chinese government. Pray also for reconciliation between the authorities of China and Hong Kong and between the police and protesters.

**Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Join us in praying for the church leaders attending School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary this week, as they explore the theme, “Shalom in the Streets.”

**Mennonite Church USA:** Pray for the MCUSA Executive Board meeting on January 17-18. The Board will be reviewing the recommendations of the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group, among other agenda items. To learn more about the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group, visit <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-membership-guidelines-advisory-group-meeting/>

## NEXT SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

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

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

➤ *Faith Travels* by Marlene Kropf – Paths Not Chosen

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

➤ *Dedicating the Temple of God* – Solomon’s Dedication Prayer

Downstairs – Children’s Sunday school

### 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Richard Burnett

**Worship Leader:** Lori Schmidt      **Storyteller:** Carolyn Funk

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller      **Piano:** Donna Burnett

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship January 19.**

## 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

Jan. 14	Church Board	7:00 pm
Feb. 2	Super Bowl Party @ Newcomers’	4:30 pm
Feb. 13	Thrive of the Heartland Meal	5:30 pm
Feb. 19	Worship Committee @ Zergers’	6:00 pm

## Announcements

**My Coins Count Collection begins today:** Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC’s relief, development, and peace building work around the world. We will collect coins until April 17 when the money will be delivered to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

**The Great Winter Warm Up:** MCC is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters on January 18. Check out the schedule listed on the poster in the entryway.

**MLK Tribute:** Hesston College artist-in-residence and peace ambassador Tony Brown gives his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 for adults. Students college-age and younger are free. Info at: [www.hesston.edu/MLK](http://www.hesston.edu/MLK).

**Let’s Talk..Women, Money & Faith:** WDC Women in Mission and Everence Financial are hosting a two-day conference on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough, from Everence Financial will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. Registration forms are on the back table.

**Menno Snapshots:** Conference ministers from MC USA and MC Canada recently gathered in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Read Scott Roth's reflection from this time, "Conflict Resolution: We are all beloved by God." <https://bit.ly/39pOgzM>

**Western District Conference** welcomes your contributions. As of December 31 we were \$65,000 short of meeting our expenses, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC’s 2019 (fiscal year ending January 31, 2020) budget goal!

2020	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/5	25	Rent \$150.00 \$2095.20	Special Needs Fund \$369.12	\$2614.32