

Salina Mennonite Church

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

April 5, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Lent



At Home Worship

Show Us How to Balance Celebration and Grief

Focus statement: *We praise Jesus along with the crowds for all we know of his miracles and goodness, but it so quickly turns this week to events that led to his death. Longing to understand Jesus more deeply, we say, "Show us how to both celebrate your life and honor your death."*

Gathering

Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Hymnal 19
Piano Fanfare <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV8ec3Hx7SQ>
Hymn – 5 verses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHjJtq4aigA>

Light One Lenten Candle

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
All: The Lord our God has given us light!
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!
All: God's steadfast love endures forever

Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hymnal 106/285
Praise Band (106) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9_SdxW4c
A Cappella (285) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyPT3IVSpmo>

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem* Matthew 21:1-11
Kids Version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTmbTuutBgg>
Skit Guys <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rdrcHLIs5c>
Movie Clips <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDyJO-aAv8>
Matthew 21:1-17 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s832bHxGY8E>

Reflect on the story: *In the Bible story, people were cheering for Jesus. Think about a time when you cheered for someone. How did you feel while you were cheering? Jesus was cheered and respected, but then something else happened. A few days after this joyful parade, some people who were angry with Jesus hurt him. The people who had been cheering became very sad. Think about a time when you've been playing and somebody got hurt. Or maybe you've been at a ball game with a player gets hurt. What had been a fun game can quickly become sad. That's what happened with Jesus and his friends after the joy of waving the branches.*

Prayer: *Jesus you came as a man, but you are more than a man. There is no one else like you. You are Jesus Christ our Lord. Glory be to God. Amen. A . . . men (hand clap).*

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Hymnal 238
Choral Version https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-N9_SdxW4c
Hymn – Organ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGRakE8KnFU>

Sermon *Opposing Emotions*

Hymn *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty* Hymnal 239
Has 5 Verses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD9rMkIS1yw>

Confessing

Confession

O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the Road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude.

Lord, have mercy.

We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.

Lord, have mercy.

We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance

Know that Jesus does offer mercy and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief.

Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on.

Amen.

Hymns *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Hymnal 439
Solo – Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymV9e8IUb0E>
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God Sing the Journey 46
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNTMWN1YOTw>

Responding

Ritual of Response

Follow the instructions in Leviticus 23:40 for how to celebrate the Festival of Shelters: “On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees—palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams” NLT). Decorate your house with what you gather.

Name your Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Be Still* Sing the Journey 75
With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kewjLH1rGqo>
Gospel Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHrBtjICw>

Offering

If you are able, you are invited to mail your financial contributions to the church. You could consider an additional contribution to help those in particular need right now. Some suggestions are:

- Salina Area United Way COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund
<https://www.unitedwaysalina.org/sauw-covid-19>
- MCC (Cancellation of Relief Sales and closure of Thrift Shops has a huge impact)
<https://donate.mcc.org>
- Everence Sharing Fund
<https://www.everence.com/living-the-values/everence-sharing-fund>

Hymn *Sizohamba Naya (We Will Walk with God)* Sing the Journey 78
Children’s Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKybxg99fUc>
Cape Town Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN9K4dfshyg>

The Lord’s Prayer

Extinguish the Lenten Candle

Scripture *Christ’s Humility* Philippians 2:5-11
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NijnXWuQAIo>

Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Hymnal 240

Benediction

*May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking.
Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus.*

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Pastor Christina’s Schedule

Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

I will continue to work in the office during my usual office hours. I welcome your calls, emails, and texts even if not during office hours.

Upcoming Events

April 9	Maundy Thursday via Zoom	7:00 pm
April 12	Easter Worship via Zoom	10:00 am
April 15	Worship Committee via Zoom	4:45 pm
April 28	Church Board	7:00 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

World Wide: Pray for all Mennonite related organizations as they continue ministry and service while adapting to all the changes the COVID-19 pandemic brings.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors as they plan creative and meaningful ways for congregations to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for those who had been planning to participate in Youth Venture or Service Adventure right now. Pray for God to bless them as they live with the disappointment of not being able to participate in the anticipated event, and that they would discern what experience God desires for them in its place.

Mennonite Education Agency: April 5: Mennonite Early Childhood Network encourages adults to use the free monthly resource available at <http://buildingfaithmecn.weebly.com> or BuildingFaithFamily.com. Pray for Talashia Keim Yoder, writer, and her mother, Tami Keim, webmaster, as they carry on this ministry.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA is calling congregations to unite in prayer around COVID-19. We invite you to speak and share this intentional prayer.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/a-prayer-for-covid-19/>
“Staying healthy and hopeful” is the theme of MCUSA’s resource website for responding to COVID-19. The continually updated site includes COVID-19 prevention tips and information, resources for at-home worship and a video message from Executive Director Glen Guyton. <http://mennoniteusa.org/resources-covid19>