

Salina Mennonite Church

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

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday



At Home Worship

Show Us Your Resurrection Power and Love

Focus statement: Show us, one more time, the extent of your power over death. Show us how you can help us turn our present circumstances, world situations, and our hearts into the miracles of new life.

Gathering

Hymns *I Will Call Upon the Lord* Sing the Journey 19
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkBTpA71f3o>
Low in the Grave He Lay Hymnal 273
Brand New! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65BrlcYNMeo>
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtXSWcfH9hk>

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!
All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*
Leader: Let all the people of the congregation declare:
All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*
Leader: Let all the earth declare:
All: *The Lord is risen indeed!*
Leader: Hallelujah!
All: *Hallelujah!*

Hymns *Lift Your Glad Voices* Hymnal 275
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Z2ddaFsEv8>
With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSL-fjQ6Qg>
Thine Is the Glory Hymnal 269
Brand New! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igfSkQ4EkJk>

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Make 2 posters (or 1 poster with 2 sides):
On one write the words OH NO. Then write or draw things that are difficult about living with COVID-19. On the other one write the word HOPE. Then write or draw things you are looking forward to when the virus is over. Show your posters to someone.
Prayer: Thank you, Jesus. You understand our OH NO's.
Thank you, Jesus. You give us hope. Amen.

Hymn *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* Sing the Journey 17
With Lyrics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWuUx46g_xU
With Verses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn9IKRrn0IY>

Scripture *The Resurrection of Jesus* Matthew 28:1-10
Visual Word <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sz2Tr5qh2vM>
Animated – Matthew 28:1-20
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TikWatDJGuk>
Dramatized – Matthew 27:11-28:10; Matthew 28 begins at time 13:20
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ac0AjAhcWPI>

Hymn *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* Hymnal 283
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwPDEedsqH8>

Meditation *Celebrating Easter during a Pandemic*

Hymn *Christ Has Arisen* Hymnal 267
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5s7ePaxDdk>
With Signing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVG096v1MJw>

Sharing the Table

Affirm Your Faith (Colossians 3:1-4, New Living Translation)
*Since we have been raised to new life with Christ,
we set our sights on the realities of heaven
where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.
We think about the things of heaven.
We too have died to the things of this earth
and our real life is hidden with Christ in God.
And when Christ, who is our life,
is revealed to the whole world,
we will share in all his glory.
Thanks be to God*

Confess Your Sins

Read Scripture *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Share the Bread and Cup

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

Hymn *My Soul Is Filled with Joy* Sing the Journey 13
With Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZQTSbRmnlk>
With Guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8Z0bTTcbOU>

Offering

If you are able, mail your financial contributions to the church. You could also consider contributing to local and global organizations who are helping those in particular need right now.

Hymn *Blessing and Honor* Sing the Story 109
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBcPIICgUIM>

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Go in the joy of Jesus' resurrection, to spread the good news that death is not the end, that God's love is the power we can lean into, and that the cross has been forever transformed into the assurance of eternity with our Lord.

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

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

I 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 15	Worship Committee via Zoom	4:45 pm
April 16	Scripture and Prayer Time via Zoom	7:00 pm
April 19	Worship via Zoom	10:00 am
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: On this Easter Sunday, give thanks for God's gift of life! Pray that WDC congregations and members will be a witness for healing and hope in the Easter season.

Mennonite Mission Network: April 12 Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 54 countries around the world in proclaiming the good news of Jesus' love and victory over the grip of evil in our world.

Mennonite Education Agency: College seniors were preparing for recitals and art shows that have now been cancelled. Pray for creative ways for family and friends to hear and see these creative ventures in a time of social distancing. Pray that the students will feel love and support from those who can't be present in person.

Mennonite Church USA: Read and pray "A prayer for mercy," an invocation for this uncertain time, written by Carmen Schrock-Hurst, chapel minister at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/prayer-for-mercy/>

Announcements

Learn, Pray, Join – from MCUSA: Jennifer Halteman Schrock describes how her love of God's creation led her to the somewhat uncomfortable role of political activist in her blog, entitled "A beginner's guide to political advocacy." Halteman Schrock is the leader of Mennonite Creation Care Network and the communications manager for Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. <http://mennoniteusa.org/political-advocacy-guide>

Support the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:

- Sponsor Lori Schmidt in the Virtual Run for Relief. Give your check payable to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to Lori by Wednesday, April 15.
- Buy almonds usually sold at the MCC Sale General Auction. Roasted Almonds are \$10 a bag. (At the sale they would bring \$18 per bag.) Smaller bags of **Almond clusters**, spicy almonds, and sweet almonds are \$5 per bag. Contact Pastor Christina by Wednesday, April 15, to buy some almonds.