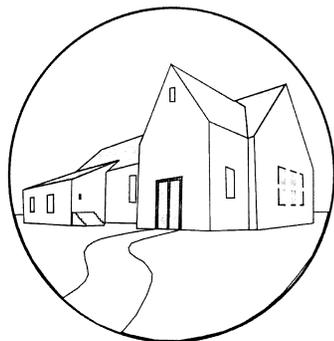


Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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

May 10, 2020



At Home Worship

Prayer: Tuning In

Focus statement: *God is always present and active in our lives and in the world. Our practices of prayer are like tuning into a frequency that creates an awareness of God's presence all around us.*

Gathering

Hymn *Jesu, Tawa Pano (Jesus, We Are Here)* Sing the Journey 6
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1d50rgH_QF0

Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving God, life of the universe,

ALL: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Great Creator, who formed us in your image,

ALL: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

ALL: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us
the holy breath of life,

ALL: we gather to worship you. Amen.

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Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Hymnal 574
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LarFhGeE-ac>

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Grandad's Prayers of the Earth* by Douglas Wood
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2FsiYQ0K1Q>

Scripture *Concerning Prayer* Matthew 6:5-15
Animated – CEV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAjLVVe4q5A>
The Lord's Prayer Explained for Kids (and Adults Too)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69JT4zsV_uY

Hymn *If You Believe and I Believe* Sing the Journey 32
With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUopVtrKSno>

Sermon *Let's Pray*

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children* Hymnal 353
Ken Medema https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV_xxnGBITA
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vsl6nax6Rs>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven* Sing the Journey 48
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgP0jI5ghU>

Offering *You may support our budget by mailing your contributions to the church. Also consider donating to Project Salina.*

Hymn *As I Went Down to the River* Sing the Journey 79
Allison Kraus/Oh Brother, Where Are Thou
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fztz_Vr9uHk
Bethel College Choir (in a grain bin)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rjix44OzFQ>

Benediction (From Colossians 4:2-3a, *The Voice*)
Pray, and keep praying. Be alert and thankful when you pray. Pray that God would open doors and windows and minds and eyes and hearts for the word so we can go on telling the mystery of the Anointed.

Postlude *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akT32E83zjI>

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

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

May 14	Sharing and Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
May 17	Worship via Zoom – Celebration Sunday	10:00 am
May 20	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
May 26	Church Board	7:00 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for children and youth and their leaders and parents in WDC congregations, as they plan for the conclusion of a school year disrupted by coronavirus.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.

Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God on this Mother's Day for those who extend unconditional love to children. May they experience joy as they lead them to explore Mother Nature, to learn about mothers of faith in the Bible and disciples, such as Mother Teresa, and to engage with our loving, Mothering God.

Announcements

May 17 is Celebration Sunday: We will celebrate Luke Van Tassel's graduation from high school. Be ready to share your stories. What are you celebrating – past, present, or future?

Project Salina 2020: Let's continue our long tradition of support. Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies to those in crisis. Find more information at www.projectsalina.com. We are collecting donations through May 31. We are collecting donations through May 31. Write checks to Salina Mennonite Church. Send them to the church.

Plans for May and Beyond from the Church Board:

- We will continue meeting via Zoom until Phase 3 of the plan to reopen Kansas begins. This means there will be no in person worship until June 7 at the earliest.

- It's likely the June 7 congregational meeting will be postponed.
- The board welcomes suggestions of best practices when we resume meeting in person. Here are a few ideas.
 - Be on the lookout for hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for use in our building when we begin meeting in person.
 - We will encourage the wearing of face masks in our building. Let Christina know if you need some masks. Several people in the congregation are willing to make some for you.
 - We plan to have the option of joining the service via Zoom even after we begin meeting in person. We welcome your assistance in making this possible.

WDC gives thanks for generous contributions to the WDC Hope Fund and the opportunity to assist WDC congregations facing financial needs due to Covid-19. Congregations seeking help to meet needs such as rent, utilities, groceries, or pastoral support during this time are encouraged to apply for a grant from the Hope Fund. Last week the Hope Fund team determined that grants will be up to \$2,500 per congregation. To submit an application or make a contribution, see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. Members of the Hope Fund team are: Lester Caceros and Wayne ALbrecht (Executive Board) Matt Lehman Wiens (Stewardship Commission), Peter Goerzen (Ministerial Leadership Commission), and Heidi Regier Kreider (Conference Minister).

WDC Annual Assembly 2020 update: Has Covid-19 got you feeling like you're "Living In Exile?" For some of us, this is a new awakening. For others, it's all too familiar. Join us for the socially distanced Western District Conference Annual Assembly online on August 1. (*Note: This will replace previous plans for an in-person gathering*). Webinars, worship, Danny Carroll, our keynote speaker, and some time to talk together will all be part of this grand experiment. What can the times we're living in help us to discover about mission? About God's love for the exile? We hope it will be possible for small groups to host Assembly watch parties together. If not, we'll be together in Spirit and over digital media. Save the date! See you there!

From Camp Mennoscah: After much prayer and conversation, we made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 summer youth camps. The safety of campers and staff is our top priority and we could not envision a way to safely and responsibly continue in-person summer camps in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful camp will be a vibrant place of community and faith formation again soon, and we will keep you updated about possibilities for being at camp. We are working on guidelines for being open to small groups and families within state and local recommendations.

The WDC/SCC Women's and Girl's Retreat is scheduled! We plan to gather together at Camp Mennoscah Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 13. The Retreat Committee is working to make this a special time of reflection, fellowship and fun. Please keep this in prayer as we hope to be able to gather together in the usual way, but will reevaluate as needed when the time gets closer.

Menno Snapshots: Chances are that we may still be socially distancing to some degree for a while. The team of The Corinthian Plan, Mennonite Church USA's health plan for church workers, provides some creative ideas for those at-home days.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/activities-ideas>

COVID-19 Update from Mennonite Central Committee: MCC Central States in North Newton continues to be closed to the public through the month of May, however material resources donations can be left in the 24-hour donation drop-off room at any time. If you would like fabric to sew into comforters, please contact katemast@mcc.org and she can either deliver it or set it out in the donation room for you. We have LOTS of pre-cut squares available. Join us in caring for those who are most in need in our changing times. Monetary donations are being accepted at donate.mcc.org to support water, food, hygiene and health programs around the world.

2020	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/3	Via Zoom 38		\$1050.00	Project Salina \$50.00	\$1100.00