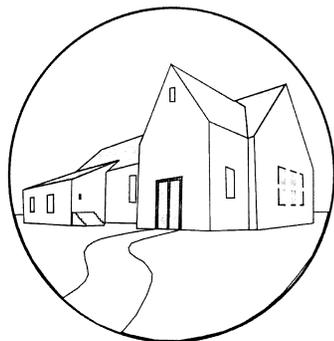


Salina Mennonite Church

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 17, 2020



At Home Worship Celebration: Enjoying Life

Focus statement: *Living into Jesus' promise of abundant life, we celebrate with joy the life we are given to live.*

Gathering

Hymn *He's Done So Much for Me* (Sing the Story 95)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNNW3RoDLgk>

Call to Worship

Reader 1: In holy splendor, we worship the Lord.

Reader 2: *In God is glory and strength.*

Reader 1: The Lord is mighty.

All: God is with us.

Reader 2: *In torrents and storms, God's peace pervades.*

Reader 1: In rumbling thunder, the mighty voice soothes.

Reader 2: *The Lord is majestic.*

All: God is with us.

Reader 1: The whisper of the Lord snaps silence.

Reader 2: *The unwavering sound persists.*

Reader 1: The Lord is awesome.

All: God is with us.

Reader 2: As flames being fanned, the presence grows.

Reader 1: In its shadow the wilderness pleads.

Reader 2: The Lord is powerful.

All: God is with us.

Reader 1: Enthroned, God rules the universe.

Reader 2: *The peaceful scepter prevails.*

Reader 1: God reigns.

All: God is with us.

Reader 2: *In whirling winds, nature acknowledges glory.*

Reader 1: The people in the temple rejoice.

Reader 2: *It is certain.*

All: God is with us.

—Lara J. Hall, Scottdale, PA. Based on Ps. 29

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Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* Hymnal 59
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEGOnIHHc_k

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Finding What Is Lost* Luke 15
(These all start out the same way, then tell different parables.)

Coin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvHxUxjaboE>

Sheep <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry2MaMyyvGo>

Son <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM>

Hymn *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* Sing the Story 121

Women's "Trio" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzlvQxya2JQ>

Violin/Viola <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvaJjWpAgWg>

Scripture *A Psalm of Thanksgiving* Psalm 100
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0vEuYZ95KM>

Hymn *Sizohamba Naya (We Will Walk with God)* Sing the Journey 78

MWC2009 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKNAXJzYfN8>

Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdGDCvL3WNY>

Stories of Celebration

What are your stories of celebration? What do you love doing as a church, as a family, or with friends? Think of funny stories, touching stories, and stories to celebrate God's presence. As the woman, shepherd, and father did in the stories from Luke 15, sometimes we just have to celebrate and rejoice.

Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* Sing the Journey 73
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-x5wvW7E6no>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Support our budget by mailing contributions to the church. Also consider donating to Project Salina.*

Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Hymnal 427
With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmmiFJtyuiU>
With Dancing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6JoQTrX2ic>

Benediction

God delights in you.

May you feast with Jesus at the table of abundant life.

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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 20	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
May 21	Sharing and Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
May 24	Worship via Zoom – Celebration Sunday	10:00 am
May 26	Church Board	7:00 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors as they lead and care for congregations in the midst of uncertain and stressful times.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for Noelia Fox's recovery from COVID-19 and protection for Brian and their three daughters in Spain. Pray that God will provide as the family reconfigures their English-language school due to closure during the pandemic.

Mennonite Education Agency: Bethel College holds its first-ever virtual commencement for 99 graduates this afternoon. Pray for them and all of our Anabaptist-Mennonite schools and colleges. Pray for God's strength and blessing in a time of disappointment and celebration, and a future that is both hopeful and uncertain.

Announcements

Project Salina 2020: Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies. Write checks to Salina Mennonite Church. Send them to the church by May 31.

From the Church Board: We will continue meeting via Zoom until Phase 3 of the plan to reopen Kansas begins. With the addition of Phase 1.5 to the state's reopening plan this week, this means there will be no in person worship until June 21 at the earliest. The June 7 congregational meeting will be rescheduled.

WDC Annual Assembly 2020: Join the socially distanced Western District Conference Annual Assembly online on August 1. 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? 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. 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 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.

Learn, Pray, Join: "To us, experiencing climate change is beyond record-breaking heat, another drought, a dying polar bear, a wilting garden. It is growing up while watching the future burn." Take a moment and view climate change through the eyes of a young person in Lyn Hur's blog, "Grieving for the world's future" at

<http://mennoniteusa.org/grieving-worlds-future>

Menno Snapshots: This isn't the first time an epidemic interrupted church life. Travel back in time with history professor Steve Nolt to learn how the polio epidemic devastated the Shenandoah Valley in 1917 in his blog, "An epidemic that complicated Mennonite Church plans a century ago." <http://mennoniteusa.org/1917epidemic>