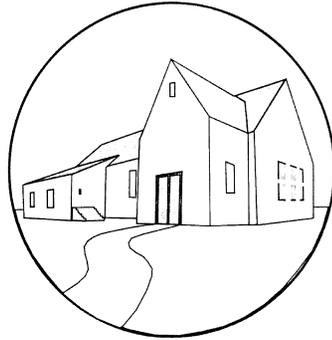


Salina Mennonite Church

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 24, 2020



At Home Worship

Gratitude: Giving Thanks

Focus statement: *A posture of gratitude orients us toward Jesus and the transformation he works in our lives.*

Gathering

Hymn *Give Thanks* Don Moen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMTmZKotTYw>

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *We give our thanks and praise.*

Hymns *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymnal 71
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GisCqoTZiH0>
Why Should I Feel Discouraged Sing the Journey 103
Solo with guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPI7WbPyoM8>
Mahalia Jackson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM_JRAPSVM

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Thankful* by Eileen Spinelli
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBqr-hel4s8>

Complete one of these two sentences:

My name is ___ and I'm thankful for ___
(Something that begins with the 1st letter of your name)

I am a ___ and I'm thankful for ___
(Something related to what you do or who you are)

Hymn *God, Whose Giving* Hymnal 383
Choir – Different tune – with Now Thank We All Our God
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzRCNtl29Ss>
Choir with congregation – Different tune
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om3IU7Z02gk>

Sermon *Give Thanks*
Scripture *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers* Luke 17:11-19
Animated - Bibletoons by Dan Huffman – ends abruptly
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyQvXEGUKUg>
Live as God's Chosen Ones Colossians 3:12-17
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9X7Jkg9PxA8>
Rejoice in the Lord Always Philippians 4:4-7
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQHak_bkbe0

Hymn *Rain Down* Sing the Journey 49
Piano/organ/choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw3u7JiOuo0>
Solo with guitar https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5_PLWbPH_k

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *What Gift Can We Bring* Hymnal 385
Church Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYT8MI0vX_E

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

Hymn *Blest Are They* Sing the Journey 94
Notre Dame Folk Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzH-Vo4ocRo>

Benediction

Some days will be days for shouting in joy:

Thank you, God.

Some days will be days for whispering in awe:

Thank you, God.

And some days will be days when we just need to hold on,

until we look back and find where we could have said it all along:

Thank you, thank you, thank you, God.

Go forth with gratitude in your whole being.

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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 26	Church Board	7:00 pm
May 28	Sharing and Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
May 31	Worship via Zoom – Pentecost Sunday	10:00 am
June 3	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it continues to select nominees for the WDC Executive Board and Commissions.

Mennonite Mission Network: DeeDee and Mark Landes and their three children, serving through MMN, left their home in Colombia two months early due to the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for the family as they grieve the early loss of relationships and as they begin to adapt to life in Kansas.

Mennonite Education Agency: Continue to pray for graduates of 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: This is the *last week* to donate to Project Salina. Write and send checks to Salina Mennonite Church.

From the Church Board: We will continue meeting via Zoom at least until Phase 3 of the plan to reopen Kansas begins. This means there will be no in person worship until June 21 at the earliest. The June 7 congregational meeting will be rescheduled.

A message from Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, KS: Please enjoy this article and video documenting this history and what it means to close our MVS unit after 43 years of involvement.

<https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/Kansas-City-MVS-unit-celebrates-a-43-year-history>

Menno Snapshots: What if a loved one or I get sick and have to go to the hospital? Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate executive director for operations for Mennonite Church USA and a former chaplain, shares her views on how difficult end-of-life decisions can be “a time to love and honor our loved ones.” Read her blog here:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/honor-loved-ones>

This summer, Camp Mennoscah is committed to sharing the camp community and God's love with you through videos, a Camp in a Box, and/or activities posted online. We hope you will connect with Camp Mennoscah in these ways! The videos and activities posted online will be free. A Camp in a Box will contain a camp tee shirt, crafts, activities, devotions, and nature fun. A box will cost \$40; a tee shirt alone will be the usual prices of \$11/\$16. Boxes and tee shirts are available to anyone of any age! To order a Camp in a Box or a tee shirt, go to www.campmennoscah.org and click on Register Online at the top of the page or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Orders accepted until June 3. After June 3, please contact Camp Mennoscah.

Gaza Needs Food! According to the United Nations 2018 Socio-Economic Food Security survey 68%, about 1.3 million people in Gaza are “food insecure”. Gaza already had some of the highest unemployment in the world at 52% which has increased with the onset of COVID-19. In response, MennoPIN (Mennonite Palestine Israel Network) and WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force are working with the Youth Vision Society in Gaza to raise \$37,000 to feed the poorest of families. Please consider making a donation to the Hand to Hand project through the Middle Eastern Children's Alliance at <https://secure.everyaction.com/JkiApGXbskq8WNeoIrDQ7w2>. A \$75 donation provides food for a family for 2 weeks.