

## 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.*

**June 28, 2020**



### At Home Worship Fasting: Making Room

**Focus statement:** *Faithful fasting makes room for God's kingdom to come.*

#### *Gathering*

**Hymn** *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*  
Sounds Like Reign <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPZ65uV5exU>

**Call to Worship** (based on John 6:27-35)

Leader: Jesus is the bread of life. Come to him...

**People: and never be hungry.**

Leader: Believe in him...

**People: and never be thirsty.**

Leader: Do not work hard for food that spoils.

Instead, strive for food that lasts eternally.

The bread of God gives life to the world.

**People: Give us this bread always.**

Leader: Jesus is the bread of life. Come to him...

**People: and never be hungry.**

Leader: Believe in him...

**People: and never be thirsty.**

**Hymn** *In the Morning When I Rise* Sing the Journey 45  
Fernando Ortega <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rZ8k9m2hwo>

#### *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling** *More* by I. C. Springman  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY4p3Xe9ep0>

**Hymn** *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Sing the Journey 59  
Orchestrated [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_un6kAM7sM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_un6kAM7sM)

**Scripture** *The Bread from Heaven* John 6:22-40  
Dramatized <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vci5QPRvSQk>

**Hymn** *You Are All We Have* Sing the Journey 29  
Family at Home

**Sermon** *Making Room*

**Hymn** *O Let All Who Thirst* Hymnal 495  
Matt Maher <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJJVrZKqKNE>

#### *Responding*

**Name your Joys and Concerns**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** *Take, O Take Me As I Am* Sing the Journey 81  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNBrRyIolsY>

**Offering** *Support our budget by mailing contributions to the church.*

**Hymn** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Sing the Journey 106  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbBFgrG1poE>

**Benediction** (based on Isaiah 58:6-7, 11)

*This is the fast that God chooses: to undo the chains of injustice, to break down systems of oppression, to give away our bread to the hungry, to make room for the homeless, to let go of the divisions between us and our neighbors. God will guide us continually and satisfy our needs in parched places. We will be like a watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

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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.

## Backyard Fellowship This Sunday

Everyone is invited to gather in the church's backyard for a time of fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm, Sunday, June 28. Bring yourself and a lawn chair...and sunscreen and insect repellent. Keep a safe physical distance. Masks are optional.

## Upcoming Events

July 1	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
July 2	Sharing & Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
July 3	First Friday Game Night via Zoom	7:00 pm
July 5	Worship – Hybrid Zoom/In-Person	10:00 am
July 19	Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm
July 28	Church Board	7:00 pm

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare creative ways for WDC members to meet, learn and worship together on the weekend of August 1. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is leading this team.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Colombia is developing new courses and study plans to prepare young church leaders and to encourage established pastors in their roles. Pray for Bekah York, serving with MMN, as she prepares to teach some of these courses.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for the Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) volunteer tutors. May God bless them as they give of their time and contribute to the training of new leaders for the Hispanic churches of Mennonite Church USA. May God grant them wisdom, patience, creativity and energy as they continue to teach the IBA courses in these unusual times.

## Announcements

**Survey Results** (as of 8:30 pm, June 27 with 25 responses):

1. What form of worship should we plan beginning July 5?
  - a. Combination in-person and Zoom – 13
  - b. Zoom only – 7
  - c. No answer – 5
2. If we offer a combination in-person/Zoom service, which way would you connect?
  - a. In-person – 11
  - b. Zoom – 12
  - c. Depends on circumstances – 2

**Note from Pastor Christina:** It looks like we will begin a combination of in-person and Zoom worship next Sunday, July 5. I plan to consult with the church board and develop a list of guidelines for those who choose to be in the sanctuary. I will distribute those next week. Due to the quickly changing situation in Saline County, we need to hold this decision very lightly.

**Delegates needed for WDC Annual Assembly:** We are looking for two volunteers to serve as delegates at the Western District Conference virtual delegate session on Saturday, August 1, 9-11 am. You may “attend” from your home or join Pastor Christina at church. Contact Christina this week if you are willing and able to do this.

**Menno Snapshots:** <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots>

A sampling of the snapshots you can find on the MCUSA website:

- Irma Fast Dueck of the *Voices Together* Hymnal Steering Committee shares about the group's experiences shaping the next generation of worship resources for Mennonite Church USA in her blog, “Our worship belongs to all of us.”
- “Mennonite is my faith and not my ethnicity.” AMBS student Ben Parker Sutter shares how he makes space for all people in his faith in the latest installment of Mennonite Church USA Archives' Oral History Project.