

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.

July 19, 2020



At Home Worship Gathering

Prelude *Jesus, Stand Among Us* Hymnal 25
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGe2m6M93eY>

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning to worship you, O God,
and yet our attention is drawn elsewhere.

People: **We seek your face, your presence, your comfort,
even though we think about those things
that are missing.**

Leader: We gather together to worship,
distracted as we may be.

People: **In this time of worship,
settle our spirits, guide us nearer to you.**

All: **As we worship you,
lead us from envy to contentment.**

Hymn *Heilig, Heilig, Heilig (Holy, Holy, Holy)* Hymnal 75
German <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuewrOmg7Hk>
English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C40foCNHuIE>

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*
by James Dean & Eric Litwin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JrFDPwNDMY>

Scripture *Nevertheless – The Great Affirmation* Psalm 73
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vk1cRbPg0iA>
KJV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPmeZkXmNkY>

Sermon *The Bittering of Oneself*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when we see what others have, when we compare ourselves to others, we confess that it looks so good, and what we have seems lacking. We confess that more often than we'd like to admit, we see the grass of our neighbor as greener than our own. When we feel that we don't measure up to our neighbors; when our gaze is set on "keeping up with the Joneses," open our eyes, generous God, to see all the bounty that's right in front of us. Forgive us. Focus our hearts, not on what's missing, but instead on where you're at work. Invite our imaginations to consider how we can join in with your Holy Spirit in practicing your love, instead of scheming how to keep up.

Words of Assurance

Be content; in God we have more than enough

Hymn *Cuando el Pobre (When the Poor Ones)* Sing the Journey 69
Spanish <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbUItVtFzhM>
English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hN9FXATe1cw>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Woza Nomthwalo Wakho* Sing the Story 50
(Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgSHi1OsIXk>

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

Benediction

*May God grant you a spirit of kindness,
to seek other's good and rejoice when they have it.
May you feel the love of Christ,
to remind you that you are sufficient.
May the Holy Spirit move you to love as God loves.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.*

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hymnal 106
Orchestra & Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMIAHMvYqUs>

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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

July 19	Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm
July 22	Bible Study @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
July 23	Sharing & Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
July 26	Worship – Hybrid Zoom/In-Person	10:00 am
July 28	Church Board	7:00 pm
Aug 1	WDC Annual Assembly (Virtual)	
Aug 2	WDC Worship (Facebook Live)	10:00 am
	Announcements & Sharing via Zoom	11:15 am
Aug 5	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for all WDC congregations, as they discern what it means to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God in their local communities and today's world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for MMN's short-term service programs that help young people deepen their faith and broaden their cultural perspectives. Pray for program directors as they plan for the coming year with so many unknowns.

Mennonite Church USA: We pray for parents and caretakers who are juggling many responsibilities and pressures. We pray for students who rely on the support and resources offered at school. We pray for teachers and school staff who are facing new challenges, uncertainty and fear. We pray for the safety and wellness of every precious person. In what can feel like an impossible situation, God, guide our school administrators and leaders and ourselves in love and compassion.

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, July 19. Bring a lawn chair. Keep a safe physical distance. Masks are encouraged.

Announcements

Menno Snapshots: Melanie Neufeld and her husband are pastors of Community Ministry at Seattle Mennonite Church, seeking justice, change and protection for unsheltered people. Get a first-hand look at their ministry in Melanie's blog, "The prick of compassion."

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/compassion/>

Menno Snapshots: Imagine planting a peace church amid a pandemic and nationwide protests – that was the backdrop for Mennonite Church USA's newest church plant in New York. Read more about the Brooklyn Peace

Center: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/nyc-peace-witness/>

WDC Assembly Video Snapshots - To learn more about WDC congregations, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces, watch their video snapshots at:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzrfAucccOFYYd_M5, More are added as they become available.

WDC Assembly Virtual Kidz Kamp! There will be craft ideas, snack suggestions, music, stories and more available for elementary-aged kids via a pre-recorded video as part of our virtual WDC Annual Assembly August 1-2.

WDC Assembly Worship on August 2: God will be praised through wonderful music with Texas flair, a story of God's presence by a first-generation immigrant (Sue Park-Hur), a sermon by Danny Carroll R (biblical scholar who specializes in stories of God's people on the move) and a blessing of WDC ministers. You may join a watch party in our building or watch it on your own computer at home. We won't be having a hybrid in-person/Zoom worship service that morning. However, we will gather by Zoom at 11:15 for a time of announcements, sharing, and prayer.

2020	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/12	Zoom 10 Church 30 Total 40		\$235.00	Butterfly Garden \$50.00	\$285.00