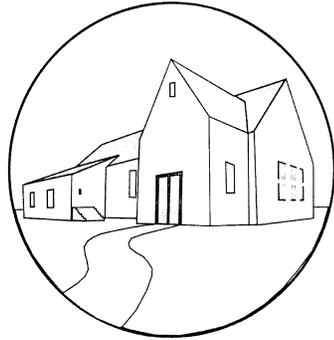


Salina Mennonite Church

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 26, 2020



At Home Worship Gathering

Prelude *Why Should I Feel Discouraged* Sing the Journey 103
Selah https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku2RUdcku_w

Call to Worship

*God desires to gather us as a hen gathers her chicks, so come!
Leave behind your distractions,
your pride,
and your misdirected love,
and crawl under the sheltering wing of God's care.
Come and worship our loving God!¹*

Gathering Prayer

God, so often we believe we are more than we are. By your Spirit, you can transform us, leading us to be closer to your Son, Jesus. As we gather in this time of worship, we wait expectantly for your Spirit to move us, shape us, and transform us. Amen.

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* Hymnal 26
w/Guitar https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_owNhkS7mg

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Better Than You* by Trudy Ludwig
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2BUqqs5evU>

Scripture *Thanksgiving for God's Goodness* Psalm 103
ESV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPSd9TTMMSO>

Scripture *Imitating Christ's Humility* Philippians 2:3-11
CSB in Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjeDoa20rVc>

Sermon *Pride and Humility* June Thomsen

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are a people who want to be noticed by others. We want our accomplishments, our contributions, our gifts, our achievements to be seen, acknowledged, and celebrated. We forget in this longing for recognition that it's not what we do, or the impressions we make, that's noticed. Nor are our accomplishments what matter. But instead, it's who we are to you, your children, your beloved, your created. Forgive us, gentle God, when we lose sight from where our value comes. Draw us closer to you, whisper in our ears, remind us of how you see us.

Words of Assurance

God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble God's way.

Hymn *Jesus, Be the Center* Sing the Story 31
Duet w/Guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw6rlwmkV6E>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* Hymnal 226
Marty Haugen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G88rhg1W4xw>

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

Benediction

*And now, may God grant you a humble heart
so that, like Jesus,
you may not seek the approval of others.
But through the whispering of the Holy Spirit,
find your spirit's home in the presence of God's boundless love.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Postlude *Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds* Hymnal 421
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6lzTJfWdmk>

¹ Adapted from Dianne Zaerr Brenneman, #195 in *Words for Worship 2*, Herald Press, 2009

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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 28	Church Board	7:00 pm
July 29	Bible Study @ Zegers’	7:00 pm
July 30	Sharing & Prayer via Zoom	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
Aug. 7	First Friday Game Night via Zoom	7:00 pm
Aug 16	Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and guide WDC’s online gathering for Annual Assembly next weekend, as we engage the theme “Living in Exile.”

Mennonite Mission Network: July 31 is Stanley W. Green’s last day as MMN’s executive director after 27 years of faithful service. Pray for Stanley and his wife, Ursula, as they settle in California where Stanley will work as conference minister for the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. Ask God’s wisdom for Michael J. Sherrill as he becomes executive director on August 1.

Announcements

WDC Assembly Worship on August 2: We will worship with other congregations via Facebook Live next Sunday. 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.

Living in Exile WDC Assembly Scriptures: Please read and pray over Jeremiah 29:4 and following and 1 Peter 2:11-12, our Assembly scriptures. Ponder what God might be telling us about how to live out the good news in times of trial, injustice, and fear. There will be chances to talk together during live webinars and during the 3:30 pm Zoom conversation with Danny Carroll R on August 1.

<https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>

WDC Assembly Video Snapshots: Have you gone to WDC Assembly 2020 on YouTube yet? There are some great stories about WDC churches and the ministries of our various commissions, stories of following Jesus today. You’ll learn things and be inspired.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAuccOFYYd_M5

The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum, Goessel, KS, will have a benefit Bierock Carry-out Meal, Saturday, August 1, 11 am to 1 pm (while supplies last). The meal is a free-will donation or \$10 suggested donation. New Year's Cookies will also be available by the half dozen (\$5) and dozen (\$10). Look for the arrows to direct traffic past the museum's Prep School, 200 N. Poplar, Goessel. No reservation needed.

Backyard Fellowship: The next “official” time of fellowship in the church’s backyard is August 16. However, you are welcome to come at 6:30 any Sunday night. Bring a lawn chair, mask, and insect repellent and join the conversation.

Menno Snapshots: In “Reflections on protesting and faith,” two members of Pasadena Mennonite Church – a Guatemalan mestizo immigrant and a white university professor – discuss the cost of following Christ. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/reflections-protesting-and-faith/>

Menno Snapshots: Tobin Miller Shearer, co-founder of the Damascus Road Anti-Racism Process, stresses the importance of working together in racially integrated settings in his blog, “The discipline and practice of white caucusing.”

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/white-caucusing/>