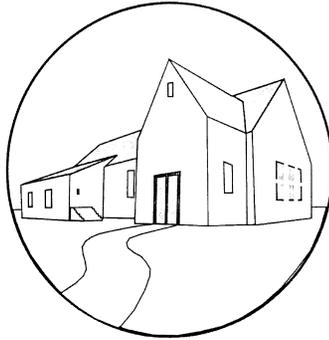


# Salina Mennonite Church

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.*

**August 9, 2020**



## At Home Worship Gathering

**Prelude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymnal 37  
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcC6W51VmtA>

### Call to Worship

*Seek the Lord while he may be found.  
Seek the Lord in the empty places.  
Seek the Lord in the wilderness of your life.  
Seek the Lord among those who also seek him.  
Seek the Lord, and he shall be found.  
And it will be enough.*

### Gathering Prayer

*Generous God, you gift us with so much, a place to live, food to eat, a community to support us. And we take it all and then some. We want more, more, more. But in this time of worship, we gather, not to receive, but instead to give. We offer ourselves, our time, our talents, our gifts, and we pray that they're worthy in your eyes. In this worship we wait expectantly for your Spirit to move us, shape us, and transform us. Amen.*

**Hymn** *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* Hymnal 651  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neuYAW7qNDM>  
Trio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NNvC75sJaY>

### Hearing God's Word

**Storytelling** *Rabbit's Gift* by George Shannon  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZLa1EnxFbY>

**Scripture** *Naboth's Vineyard* 2 Kings 21:1-27  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyQWX03bfac>

**Scripture** *Encouragement to Be Generous* 2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
NIV [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD2ObXgs\\_MA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD2ObXgs_MA)

**Sermon** *The Great Treasure Hunt*

### Prayer of Confession

*Generous God, we are a people who always want more; more money, more things, more stuff, more. We are a people who want bigger; we are a people who want things faster, newer, smarter. We confess that we are a people who can never have enough—there is always something missing, there is always something better than what we have. God, we confess that we try to fill the emptiness within with outside things, but they never satisfy. Forgive us, God of abundance, remind us that what we have is enough, that newer, faster, smarter, stronger isn't always better. Help us to notice the abundance that surrounds us. Soften our hearts and lead us to a place where we can share out of that abundance.*

### Words of Assurance

*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing*

**Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymnal 145  
Different Tune <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwbNwS6yn0c>

## Responding

### Name your Joys and Concerns

### The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal 156  
Scenic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUnQMvwaXlc>  
John Rutter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjbktnTuV30>

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

### Benediction

*And now, may God grant you a spirit of generosity, led by the Holy Spirit, to share God's love with the world, in the same way that Jesus shared of himself. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.*

**Postlude** *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* Sing the Journey 87  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grP911TcLwU>

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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

Aug 12	Bible Study @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Aug 16	Hybrid Worship	10:00 am
	Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm
Aug 25	Church Board	7:00 pm
Aug 30	Congregational Meeting (Hybrid)	11:15 am
Sept 2	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

### Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for children and youth in WDC congregations, and for their families, teachers and mentors, as preparations for a new school year unfold in the face of challenging circumstances.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for Ecuador where COVID-19 cases continue to rise and the economic situation worsens. Pray for Quito Mennonite Church as the congregation inaugurates a seed grant initiative this month to help people get back on their feet.

### Announcements

**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.

**MCUSA Website:** This week, Mennonite Church USA is launching a new user-friendly website! For the latest news, blogs, events, publications, resources and more, visit [mennoniteUSA.org](http://mennoniteUSA.org).

**Sharing & Prayer is not meeting on Thursday, August 13.** Watch the announcements for the next meeting time.

**Share your 2020 experiences:** Anabaptist History Today, a collaborative storytelling project supported by 16 Anabaptist archives and historical organizations, seeks your stories of living during these changing times. Upload videos, audio recordings, photos, journal entries, artwork, poetry and personal reflections at <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/share-your-story>

**Thanks to all who attended WDC's 2020 online assembly last weekend!** At Saturday morning's business session, delegates heard the conference minister's state-of-the-conference reflections and a financial update, approved the budget for 2021 and elected leaders for the coming year. Comments and questions addressed topics such as WDC's application for a CARES Act Payroll Protection Program loan, equipping existing congregations in conjunction with church planting initiatives, and affirmation for Camp Mennoscah's ongoing mission in these challenging times. The session concluded with a resolution of thanks for all involved in making Assembly possible, and recognition of outgoing moderator Ray Reimer and transition to new moderator Lois Barrett. Saturday afternoon, participants attended webinars on: Missional in the Age of Covid; Growing in Faith Wherever You Are: Boxes, Bundles, or Books Which is Right for You?; Real Live Faith; and Voices Together. And on Sunday, many WDC congregations and members joined in watching the Assembly worship service. If you were not able to attend Assembly events, you may go to "WDC Assembly 2020" on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd\\_M5](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd_M5) and watch the videos.

**Menno Snapshots:** Hannah Heinzekehr of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies challenges other white Mennonites to do the hard work necessary to create "more just and equitable Mennonite spaces and processes," in her blog, "The power and privilege in our midst." Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/power-privilege-in-our-midst/>