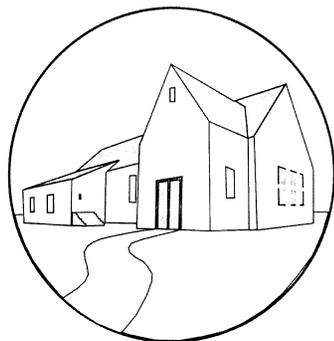


Salina Mennonite Church

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 16, 2020



At Home Worship

Gathering

Hymn *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Sing the Story 54
Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjX_TE-bTA4

Call to Worship

The God who created our universe, who acts through history to save our world, who reveals God's love through Jesus and through ongoing intervention in our lives, calls us to the holy task of partnership in building God's kingdom.

Come, let us draw near in worship. Let us be transformed by our calling.

Gathering Prayer

God, when things become overwhelming, when it's easier to stay still, when doing nothing seems as if it's the best way to do no harm, may your Spirit move. In our worship today, stir in us your call to action. Transform our inertia and move us to deeds of love that bring healing and hope to a hurting world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn *Longing for Light* Sing the Journey 54
Folk Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g0c4YeABTs>
Illustrated <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrCqNW6JDYk>

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *The Boy on the Page* by Peter Carnavas
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZLa1EnxFbY>

Scripture *Love One Another* 1 John 3:16-18
NKJV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c16GgYArZ1I>

Scripture *The Christian's Call* 2 Peter 1:3-7
NKJV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c16GgYArZ1I>

Hymn *How Can We Be Silent:* Sing the Journey 61
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5OriJzAVyw>

Sermon *Love Leads, Sloth Subsides* Loren Van Tassel

Prayer of Confession

Some days, God, it's easier to do nothing. It's easier to wait for things to come to me, opportunities, wealth, ambition. Between apathy and cynicism, we sit on our cushioned chairs with eyes glazing over from mind-numbing programming, waiting, letting time tick on. In a world where we're overwhelmed with injustice, sitting still in despair and not adding to the world's problems sometimes seems the right thing to do. But that is not who you have called us to be.

We confess that sometimes it's easier to not care, to not participate, to not engage, and to avoid the world. But your love demands participation, your love demands engagement.

Forgive us when we take the easy way out, when we choose to love ourselves over loving our neighbors. When our hearts and minds yearn for escape, call us back to you and your love.

Words of Assurance

You've already been told what is good. To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Hymn *A Charge to Keep I Have*
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHiwpaar7hQ>
With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQUmBX17c0c>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Dona Nobis Pacem* Hymnal 156
Children's Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEXfohmzj4>
Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M8v7I9zsAM>

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

Benediction

And now, as we leave this place, may the Holy Spirit guide us, may Jesus Christ link his heart with ours, may God's love be in all we say and do. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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 19	Bible Study @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Aug 23	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Aug 25	Church Board	7:00 pm
Aug 30	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
	Congregational Meeting (Hybrid)	11:15 am
Sept 2	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they discern God's direction for future leadership and priorities in the midst of the uncertainties of today's world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Nemi Chigoji provides leadership for the Nigerian Anabaptist Resource Center, a MMN partner. Pray for Rev. Chigoji as he works in California and Nigeria, training Anabaptist pastors in peacebuilding, mediation, and holistic ministry.

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, August 16. Bring a lawn chair. Keep a safe physical distance. Masks are encouraged.

Announcements

Sharing & Prayer is not meeting on Thursday, August 20. Watch the announcements for the next meeting time.

School Supplies Needed: We are collecting paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, and Ticonderoga pencils to distribute through our Blessing Box. Contact Gary Weathers for more information.

Congregational Meeting: Our next quarterly meeting is Sunday, August 30, immediately after worship. Agenda includes:

- Activity Reports
- Financial Reports
- Being church during a pandemic – How are we doing?
- Looking ahead to 2021 – volunteer assignments & budget

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>

Camp Mennoscah welcomes guests! Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities.

#BringThePeace: Race, Church & Change, a two-part panel discussion on racism led by Mennonite Church USA's leadership team, has been viewed by thousands of viewers. Watch this important conversation by visiting <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

Menno Snapshots: "Many of us are learning that silence supports an unjust status quo," writes Bluffton professor emeritus J. Denny Weaver in his Scripture-based blog "On Protesting." Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/on-protesting/>