

## 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 23, 2020**



### At Home Worship *Gathering*

**Hymn** *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* Hymnal 150  
Mennonite Men <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV8f81UrTL8>

#### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather for worship as children of God.  
**People: We come to remember who and whose we are.**  
Leader: We gather for worship to be renewed in our faith.  
**People: We come with hearts open to receive God's love.**  
Leader: We gather for worship to catch a vision of what might be.  
**People: We come ready to change what is.**  
Leader: We gather for worship in gratitude for all we have been given.  
**People: With thanksgiving, we lift our voices in songs of praise.**

**Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hymnal 46  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>  
Men's Trio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3WPGbluKZo>

#### *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling** *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*  
Judy Collins and The Muppets  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC\\_xO2aN\\_IA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC_xO2aN_IA)

**Scripture** *A Collection of Verses about Misplaced Hunger*  
Proverbs 23:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:12-13a;  
Ecclesiastes 6:7-9; Matthew 5:6

**Sermon** *Misplaced Hunger*

#### Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God, each day we're met with images of sumptuous, tempting, decadent, filling things. We confess that often we receive the benefits of second helpings, extra portions, and supersizes. And while we often leave our tables overly full, there are others around the world with not enough. We live surrounded by excess, and the more we fill ourselves, the emptier our spirits become. We confess that we often find ourselves stuffed, and yet we still hunger for fulfillment. When we can satisfy our own needs, we forget about you, gracious God.*

*Forgive us. Do not turn us away. Instead, lead us to hunger and thirst for your righteousness. May you fill us with your good things. We pray this trusting that it will be enough.*

#### Words of Assurance

*Our God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work*

**Hymn** *The Lord's My Shepherd* Hymnal 578  
Congregation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4TKvnYafes>  
Solo with Guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNjO9wsb4aI>

#### *Responding*

**Name your Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** *All Will Be Well* Sing the Journey 98  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwSrDwL9RBA>

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

#### Benediction

*And now, may God fill you with good things, may Christ satisfy your longings, as the Holy Spirit leads you to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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 25	Church Board	7:00 pm
Aug 26	Bible Study @ Zergers'	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
Sept 3	Sharing & Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
Sept 4	First Friday Game Night via Zoom	7:00 pm

### Churchwide Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as they meet this week, tending to the financial health of the conference, and promoting generosity and sharing of resources to further the mission of WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** This is a month of change for MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to study or work. Pray also for those who are beginning to learn and serve in Alamosa (Colorado), San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

### Announcements

**Backyard Fellowship:** The next "official" time of fellowship in the church's backyard is September 20. However, you are welcome to come at 6:30 any Sunday night. Bring a lawn chair, mask, and insect repellent and join the conversation.

**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

**Sharing & Prayer resumes on Thursday, September 3.** Let Pastor Christina know ASAP if you want a copy of *Addiction Nation*. This book will be the basis of our discussion the first part of each evening.

**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.

**Western District Women's Retreat 2020:** And now for something completely different! After much discussion and prayer, the Western District Women in Mission Retreat Committee has decided not to meet in person at Camp Mennoscah this year. We will miss all of you and the energy and joy you bring to camp. However, we WILL gather virtually on Saturday night, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom for a worship service. Our goal is to connect to and encourage each other through Christ and His love for us. Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Mennonite in Newton) will lead us on "Reflections on God as Keeper." Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books. Annelle Claassen (Retreat Committee Chair) will lead singing, and Karen Mascho (Pastor and Retreat Committee) will lead communion together. No masks required! We look forward to seeing you whole face. For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh at [2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com)

**Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon.** A massive explosion on Aug. 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at [mcc.org/beirut-response](http://mcc.org/beirut-response), by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Beirut response" to MCC, 21 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Akron PA 17501.

**MCC is in need of school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world!** Complete kits and/or supplies (find a full list of items at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits)) can be shipped to MCC Central States (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC. Thank you for your continued support of MCC!

**Racial Justice from the US to Palestine:** The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to celebrate the International Day of Peace with a virtual conversation on racial justice. Palestinians Alex Awad and Jonathan Kuttub join US citizen Sarah Nahar. They'll share their own experiences of injustice and hope and discuss the similarities in both contexts. Join us for this free live event sponsored by WDC Resource Commission on WDC's Facebook page on September 21, 7 pm Central Time. You're welcome to donate to WDC at: [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org).

**#BringThePeace:** Support Mennonite congregations that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing and combating poverty through Mennonite Church USA's mutual aid Justice Fund. To donate, visit <http://mennoniteusa.org/give/>

**Menno Snapshots:** In his blog, “Green spiritual direction,” retired pastor Ruben Chupp looks to nature and Scripture for spiritual direction. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/green-spiritual-direction/>

**Menno Snapshots:** In “A note to people who are white, like me,” Mississippi pastor Hugh Hollowell Jr. blogs about his call to return to his home state and the importance of facing discomfort in confronting white supremacy in our communities and ourselves. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/to-people-who-are-white-like-me/>