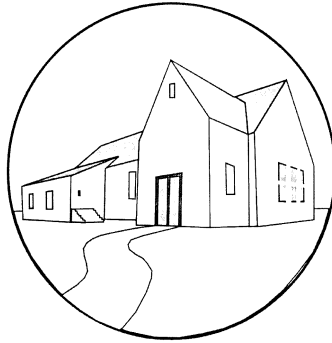


# Salina Mennonite Church

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.*

## January 31, 2021



## Gathering

**Prelude** *Be Still My Soul* VT 664  
Vocal Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxLV4zRmhm8>  
Piano Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOtaScbsZ50>

**Call to Worship** VT 853

Leader: If you are delighted to be here,  
and if you are tired or troubled,

**ALL: you are welcome.**

Leader: If your faith is strong,  
and if your faith is battered or frail,

**ALL: you are welcome.**

Leader: If you are eager to praise God,  
and if you need to be quiet,

**ALL: you are welcome.**

People: God welcomes us all to worship today.

**ALL: God promises to meet us here.**

– Marlene Kropf (USA), 2007

**Hymn** *Here in This Place* VT 10  
Live with lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar0BXa82F9M>  
Vocal Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaRmsme4HzE>

**Storytelling** *Through the Roof* Mark 2:1-12  
Dramatized <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuO8F3ZfWdc>  
For Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4ID8WAbRls>

**Song** *Som'landela (We Will Follow)* VT 566  
Youth Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCWlkoX9Xu0>

## Sermon in Word and Song

*Offering Hope to a Depressed Heart*

**Scripture** *My Soul Cries for God* Psalm 42  
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZonNcd086ss>  
Sung <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctThGKhcoEw>

**Hymn** *As a Deer in Want of Water* VT 552

**Scripture** *Prayer in Time of Trouble* Psalm 43  
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DYsoALY3eY>  
Sung <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OF8khd1VxY>

**Hymn** *What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring* VT 623  
Choir (Different Tune) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGY1b7CLrk0>

**Hymn** *What Can I Leave Behind* Voices Together 154

## Responding

**Name your Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Hymn** *Rain Down* VT 703  
Virtual Choir [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spw\\_12W6vjE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spw_12W6vjE)  
Worship Band [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_29irJf0vM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_29irJf0vM)

**Benediction** VT 1053  
*May the God of glory, the Word of life, and the Spirit of truth  
bless you all, now and forever.*  
– Presbyterian Church (USA), *Book of Common Worship*, 2018

**Postlude** *When Peace Like a River* VT 703  
Piano Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4eV6tp3XBu>  
Mennonite Men [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln\\_n3Tt4Yk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln_n3Tt4Yk)

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## Pastor Christina's Schedule

**Usual 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.

## “Sunday School” Options

For Children – *Jesus Brings Good News*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship
- Story Bibles to read and activities to do at home

For Adults

- Fellowship – On hiatus until further notice
- Bible Study – *In God's Image* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- Book Study – On hiatus until further notice

## Upcoming Events

Feb 3	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:45 pm
Feb 7	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Feb 23	Church Board	7:00 pm

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/24	Zoom 25 Church 8 Total 35	\$465.75	Butterfly Garden \$160.00 Lidia Pagán Memorial \$300.00 SouperBowl of Hope \$50.00 Special Needs Fund \$200.00	\$1170.75

## Local Announcements

**The Salina Souperbowl of Hope:** Send donations for the annual Souperbowl of Hope before next Sunday, February 7. Make checks payable to Salina Mennonite Church.

**COVID Restrictions:** The number of people inside the church building is limited to 15 people. Masks are required unless you are in the building by yourself.

**Congregational Meetings in 2021:** The church board scheduled meetings for March 7, June 6, August 29, and December 5.

**Bible Study, Fellowship, & Game Night:** Contact Pastor Christina if you are willing to host any of these events. The host can determine the frequency and dates. These activities are on hiatus until volunteers step forward.

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for God's creation, and pray for WDC congregations as they seek ways to practice faithful stewardship of the natural environment.

**MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home** The annual MCC Comforter Blitz is happening virtually this year from now through March! The Kansas Friends of MCC committee is challenging congregations and individuals to complete 300 comforters for MCC by the end of March! Read all the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC at [mcc.org/blitz-at-home](http://mcc.org/blitz-at-home). Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz](https://www.facebook.com/MCCComforterBlitz) Facebook page. Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.804.8432 with questions.

**From WDC:** We want to express our appreciation to everyone who has given to WDC over the past year to help congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Your generous gifts are appreciated as we have all navigated ministry in these uncertain times! We continue to invite your contributions as we are looking toward our fiscal year end on January 31. You may make an online contribution [HERE](#) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you.

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN praises God for John Fumana of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bruce Yoder of Canada, who have said “yes” to God's call to work as a team of executive coordinators for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for Bruce and John as they begin their new roles tomorrow.

**Menno Snapshots:** "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you must become greater. I must become less." This is the heart of a Scripture-based prayer by Ruben Chupp, retired pastor and spiritual director.

Read the full prayer in his blog, "Prayer before spiritual direction." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/prayer-direction>

**MC USA's annual Lent at Home guide** is now available for download at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.