

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.

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

Deep Calls to Deep

Deep in the Woods: Called to Deep Commitment

Focus: *We are transformed by God as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods, as we lose ourselves, we are found.*

Prelude *Were You There* arr. John Carter
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl20N5ZGLVA>

Call to Worship

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you,
to walk before you and be blameless.
You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us

**ALL: With each step along the path,
we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.**

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

**ALL: With each step along the path,
we hope against hope in your promises.**

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful,
that you will bless us.

**ALL: With each step along the path,
we take up our cross and follow you.**

One: We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us,
and that we will live forever.

ALL: We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

Hymn *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581
Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFxmIT_NJyo

Storytelling *Life Is Like Going into a Forest*

Our life can be like going into a forest. Sometimes there are things we recognize. Life is familiar, things are going well for us. But sometimes

there are things we don't recognize. When we have to try something new, that's unfamiliar, God can help us. We can help each other.

Scripture *Jesus Foretells Death & Resurrection* Mark 8:31-38
God's Promise Realized through Faith Romans 4:13-25

Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT 540
With lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU>

Sermon *Called to Deep Commitment*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

One: Deep calls to deep.

ALL: We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed on the edges,

Not listening to each other,

Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way,

Silencing suffering,

Forfeiting life.

(Contemplate – What forces keep you from deep commitment?)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

ALL: Calling us to deep commitment.

We come to you, God.

Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* VT 287
Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTGJ6qaUGO8>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Will you Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYpH3y4608E>

Benediction

Go deep into the woods of your week, knowing that you are called to the kind of commitment that will not leave you comfortable. Our God is not to be fully known or neatly packaged. Be ever ready for the transformation that accompanies deep commitment. Go, expecting surprise. Amen.

Postlude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Melody Bober
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJTvOkHTur8>

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

Usual Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

- Participating in a virtual conference March 2-4
- Out of the office March 5
- Available most of the time by text, phone, or email.

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – *Living the Good News*

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

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Living for God* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- Book Study – On hiatus until further notice
- Fellowship – On hiatus until further notice

Upcoming Events

Mar 3	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
Mar 14	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Mar 30	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
2/21	Zoom 24 Church 10 Total 34	\$1000.00	Voices Together Fund \$469.99	\$1469.99

Local Announcements

Congregational Meeting: We will meet after worship on March 14 (note date change). Agenda includes activity reports, possible use of excess funds, and continuing discussion of being church during a pandemic.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations reaching out to support members and neighbors suffering economic hardship during this time.

WDC Hope Fund: Donations to a fund used to assist congregations in need may be made online at [Hope Fund](#), or sent to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

First Mennonite Church, 1161 E Ave A, McPherson is having a drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner on March 6 from 1-7pm or until the food runs out. This will be a free-will donation event with the proceeds going to the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: 620-241-4040

Verenike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah on March 13! [Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7.](#) You can also call 620-297-3290. This fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps and retreats. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on March 13. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as smooth and amazing as possible!

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Martine Audéoud as she teaches one of the first offerings in Mennonite Mission Network’s new online institute for peace studies in the French-speaking world.

Menno Snapshots: Jane Hooper Peifer writes about the beauty that is found in darkness and in waiting in her blog and poem, “When there are no blinds.” Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/no-blinds>

Menno Snapshots: Learn more about Together in Worship, an exciting collaborative resource for worship planners and leaders who want to add new sounds, images and ideas to their worship. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/together-in-worship>

Mennonite World Conference: Praise God for the technologies that keep us connected while restrictions keep us apart. May the Spirit give us wisdom to follow Jesus faithfully wherever we are.