

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.

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

Deep Calls to Deep

Deep in the Changing Sky: Called to Deep Wisdom

Focus: *In the patterns and glory of God's creation, and in God's commandments and promises, we are called to obtain deep wisdom. God's wisdom undermines our assumptions and takes us deeper than our efforts can lead us.*

Prelude *This Is My Father's World*

Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHKNzqkb5gU>

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**ALL: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, yet the voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

ALL: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun.

One: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
its circuit to the end of them.

ALL: Nothing is hid from its heat.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect – sure, clear, true and righteous.
The fear of the Lord is pure.

ALL: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.

One: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and redeemer.

ALL: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Hymn *We Sing to You, O God* VT 80

Quartet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8RgsmwuGnM>

Storytelling *Wisdom Is Very Much Like Sunlight*

God is the giver of all wisdom. God uses different ways to teach us wisdom, like all the different colors in light. The Bible teaches us who God

is, what God has done, and how God's people are to reflect our new identity. God also sends different people in our lives to teach us. God give us wisdom through prayer, life experiences, revelations, and prophecy.

Hymn *This Is God's Wondrous World* VT 180

Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kHxhhyg9cs>

Scripture *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God* 1 Cor. 1:18-25

Sermon *The Ways of God and the Ways of the World* David Wolfe

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 settled into sameness,

Forgetting the rhythms of the heavens,

Ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up

Into the eyes of a neighbor,

Into your Word that still lives.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

ALL: Calling us to deep wisdom.

We come to you, God.

Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* SJ 95

A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lmcz2T5hCsY>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Heart with Loving Heart United* VT 813

Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZTEOx-2T8M>

Benediction

The changing sky speaks about the larger rhythms of life. The moons and seasons that dance over the horizon reflect the language of the infinite. And when we notice our own smallness in relationship to the sky's expansiveness, only then do we begin to be wise. Go into this week in search of deep wisdom. Go with humility. Amen.

Postlude *The Old Rugged Cross*

Instrumental <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhG3vEx1Em8>

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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 – *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’

Upcoming Events

Mar 14	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Mar 30	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
Apr 2	Good Friday Service via Zoom	6:30 pm
Apr 4	Easter Sunrise Service @ Stuckys’	7:00 am
	Easter worship (hybrid) with communion	10:00 am
Apr 7	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
2/28	Zoom 21 Church 9 Total 30	\$25.00		\$25.00

Local Announcements

March 14 Congregational Meeting: Agenda includes activity reports, possible use of excess funds, and continuing discussion of being church during a pandemic.

March 14 worship will include a time of anointing. You may choose to participate in one or more of these ways:

- Receive words and oil of anointing in person during worship
- Receive words of anointing during worship and anoint yourself at home using oil you provide.
- Receive words of anointing without oil during worship
- Receive anointing with oil in person during a time you arrange with Pastor Christina

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for ongoing recovery in WDC congregations and communities that experienced damage and disruption recently in extreme winter weather.

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.

Save the date! Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 8 at 7:00pm for the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree! In lieu of our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times" offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. More details to follow soon.

Bohne Berrogi Sales. As with many things related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, the usual order of business will not be possible due to Covid-19. To make sure that people have the opportunity to purchase and take home some bohne berrogi, the Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on April 3. The Bohne Berrogi will be sold, by the dozen, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The cost will be \$20.00 a dozen, NO sauce will be provided. No advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi unless some are not sold. Left overs will be frozen and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July. Come to Moundridge High School between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM on April 3 and support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

Upcoming Events at Hesston College:

- **Performing Arts Recitals** - March 4, 4 p.m., Join us via the [Fine Arts Livestream](#).
- **Renewed Life with Bel Canto Singers** will be presented at the Mullet Drive Parking Lot, Hesston College, Sunday, March 28, at 3 p.m. This is a community worship service with music of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Join us in person or on the [Fine Arts Livestream](#).
- **Dyck Arboretum's Conservation Stewardship in the Flint Hills** (Online Lecture), March 30, 2021 - 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Register online at dyckarboretum.org
- **Watch this month's Peacing it Together interview**, hosted by Tony Brown, Hesston College's peace ambassador and artist in residence. Tony interviews many influential Wichitans who have a heart for peace, like Victor Hogstrom: hesston.edu/peace-interviews

Churchwide Announcements

Voices Together Event: We've been celebrating the launch of *Voices Together* a series of virtual events. Our March 10th even at 6:30 CT will feature the visual art in the collection along with the scripture readings and songs that surround them. Find details at:

[Launch Events - Voices Together Hymnal](#)

Mennonite Mission Network: Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and Freddy Satalaya Banda, serving with MMN and VM Missions, request that the people God is calling to lead the Mennonite churches' children and youth ministries in Iquitos, Peru, will say, "Yes!" Pray for Elena and Freddy as they extend their assignment for another year.

Learn, Pray, Join: Cyneatha Millsaps, co-pastor of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Indiana and executive director of Mennonite Women USA, explains that, for some, including her niece, the military offers peace in ways that civilian life does not. How then, should the church respond? Read "When military creates peace" for Millsaps' thoughts on the matter.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/military-peace>

Learn, Pray, Join: This month, Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage with the "Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War" initiative to promote peacemaking and anti-militarism. Learn more:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA Executive Board met in late January and discussed a resolution to retire the denomination's Membership Guidelines. The resolution was forwarded to the Constituency Leaders Council for feedback. Read more about the meeting here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/retire-mg>.

Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC), which is meeting virtually on March 12 and 13. The CLC is an MC USA advisory group comprised of leaders from the area conferences, agencies and constituency groups that meets one or two times per year to counsel and advise the Executive Board, functioning as denominational elders.

Mennonite Education Agency, the education agency for Mennonite Church USA, walks alongside the schools, in partnership and support, offering resources and connection to each other, the denomination and beyond. Please join us in prayer for our schools, particularly in these tumultuous times.