

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 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

Deep Calls to Deep

Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Deep Healing

Focus: *The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs. We are called to deep healing by trusting in God, who calls us in love.*

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. John Carter
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDrEG4tmKR4>
Organ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIEGsdOkypg>

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 19

One: The wilderness is without and within.

ALL: It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

One: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

ALL: God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

ALL: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up,

ALL: that whoever believes may have eternal life.

One: For we are what God has made us, created in Jesus Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Hymn *God of the Bible* VT 612
"Trio" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUxcPg2IjcY>
Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoJai36c59Y>

Storytelling *God Can Give Us Deep Healing*

Sometimes in our lives, we experience difficult situations that cause us to feel sad or hurt. God loves every one of us so much that when we express our feelings and needs through prayer, God hears us and can wipe away all our hurt and pain. It may come right away, or it might take a while, but when we come to God, we can trust that the love God has for us is overwhelming. In love, God can give us deep healing.

Scripture *The Bronze Serpent* Numbers 21:4-9
God So Loved the World John 3:14-21

Hymn *When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On* VT 612
Female Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUoTtUnVYkI>
Male Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwxbgZNKQjY>

Sermon *Called to Deep Healing*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

One: Deep calls to deep.

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

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need,
Uncovering our impatience,
Lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

ALL: Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644
Praise Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXWpNmYiUrs>
Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRRz-eNNZhs>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* VT 619
English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8kWXF4KLH4>
German <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWIAZvC7jZY>
Harp <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0rtti1wIs0>

Benediction

Through the barren lands of our lives, God is calling us to wholeness. Although we may not see this time as possibility, God is already at work. As we rest in the long nights of winter, a cosmic spark restores us. Look to Christ in faith, noticing the many ways his words and eyes and hands and feet brought healing. Go with the healing light of Christ. Amen.

Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Cindy Berry
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AKCWPKSo0Y>
Flutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9g15RbWm9s>

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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 21	Sunday Worship (hybrid)	10:00 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
3/7	Zoom 22 Church 11 Total 33	Rent \$100.00 \$1725.00		\$1825.00

Local Announcements

Looking ahead to Holy Week: Instead of a Maundy Thursday service, we will be joining other I-70 Mennonite churches in a Good Friday service beginning at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Easter Sunrise service will be at Stuckys’ at 7:00 am followed by a simple, outdoor breakfast. Easter Worship at 10:00 am will include communion.

From Cottonwood School: Salina Mennonite Church, thank you so much for the snacks and supplies you shared with our school. It is very much appreciated!
—Michelle Brown

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, and give leadership and oversight for conference vision and priorities.

WDC invites prayer for the people of Myanmar in the midst of conflict and violence in their country. Pray especially for God's care and peace for WDC congregation Chin Emmanuel Baptist Church and Pastor Simon Tlumang in Houston, TX, as they carry concern for friends, family members, friends and home communities in Myanmar.

The WDC Resource Library will host a Zoom discussion on Michele Hershberger's book *Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does it Make?* at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 25. Contact the library (crlib@mennowdc.org) to borrow a copy of the book or to register for the discussion.

All women and girls are invited to the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. Gather 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. Special music will be provided by Erin Regier Graber and Addie Regier Kauffman. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event. Register before April 5 by emailing WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com

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.

Bohne Berrogi Sales. The Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on April 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The cost is \$20/dozen, NO sauce provided. No advance orders taken. Leftovers, if there are any, will be frozen and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July.

Upcoming Events at Hesston College:

- **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

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praying for the two-day virtual meeting of Mennonite Voluntary Service staff and local unit leadership, which begins on Friday. Pray for them as they discuss opportunities for the future of the program, share best practices, and build relationships.

Join Mennonite Church USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn and Frank Scoffield of Pasadena Mennonite Church as they interview author Felipe Hinojosa about his new book, *Apostles of Change*, in a webinar March 17 at 7 p.m. (ET). Hinojosa will share stories about how Latino activists transformed churches into staging grounds for protests against urban renewal and displacement. Spanish interpretation provided. Register by March 16 here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-hinojosa>

MennoCon21: Due to uncertainty around COVID-19 gathering restrictions, the 2021 Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly will meet virtually this year on July 10 with a limited agenda, following the conclusion of MennoCon21. Decisions about church statement resolutions will be postponed until a future in-person session. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/21-da>.

#BringThePeace: MC USA has awarded its first round of grants from the Justice Fund, a mutual aid fund that supports congregations working to address racial justice, poverty, immigration and police brutality in their local communities. Read more about the first recipients: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/first-justice-fund-grants>.

MennoSnapshots: What does the word “Lord” mean to you? Is it a title? Is it a synonym for God? Is it gendered? Is it oppressive? Read about how decisions about the word “Lord” were made in the *Voices Together* hymnal in Sarah Kathleen Johnson’s blog, “Lord as a metaphor for God in the Voices Together hymnal.”

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/lord-voices-together>

Learn, Pray, Join: In their blog, “God’s kingdom: A legacy of kinship amid legacies of war,” authors Jennifer Hernandez and Frank Scoffield Sánchez reflect on the 500-year war that is waging against the Latin American people and the hope they have in the migrants that are banding together to represent the kingdom of God.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/kinship-amid-war/>