

## 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 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

## Deep Calls to Deep

### Deep in the Earth: Called to Deep Growth

**Focus:** *Like the seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.*

#### Prelude *He Leadeth Me*

Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz4DNgeoj2A>  
Orchestra [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7\\_WcD0u1OeM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_WcD0u1OeM)

#### Call to Worship

One: The days are coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with Israel.

**ALL: I will be their God, and they will be my people.**

One: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.  
Put a new and right spirit within us.

**ALL: Restore to us the joy of salvation,  
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities  
and remember our sin no more.

**ALL: There is a time for everything,  
and sometimes, the hour is upon us.**

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears,

**ALL: knowing that those who love their life will lose it.**

One: The hour has come.  
Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

#### Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Children <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyOj7BR6W8g>  
John Rutter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bIg7usVkdI>

#### Storytelling *We Can Sometimes Be Like Seeds That Don't Grow*

All the things that keep seeds from growing are like when we hold on to anger, unforgiveness, or other bad feelings. This prevents us from growing into who God calls us to be. God is calling each of us to be more loving, kind, just, and merciful. When we choose to forgive instead of being unforgiving, or when we choose to love instead of holding on to anger, we are growing more and more into who we are supposed to be.

#### Hymn *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 120

Ken Medema <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqnvYKLPqTI>  
Children <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exhcZkkpGgQ>

#### Scripture *A New Covenant* Jeremiah 31-34 *Jesus Speaks about His Death* John 12:20-33

#### Sermon *My Kingdom Is Not of This World* Fred Iutzi

#### Prayer of Confession and Assurance

One: Deep calls to deep.

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

One: We confess our resistance to being planted

Into your aching earth,

Into the way of your covenant.

We confess our need for you to plant within us

The joy of your salvation,

A willing spirit.

*(Contemplate – What forces keep you from deep growth?)*

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

**ALL: Calling us to deep growth.**

**We come to you, God.**

#### Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VT 670

Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtDntrsKbZw>  
Congregation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDpByzZqeO4>

#### Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

#### Hymn *Listen, God Is Calling* VT 765

Swahili/English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds-aO3GD5KA>  
Congregation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuVGfFgEN\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuVGfFgEN_c)

## Benediction

*Only when a seed “lets go” does new life arise from it. And here is the secret planted deep within the earth—this change happens not once for us but many times over. Go into this week aware of the times of letting go that have allowed for new life to come. Go, aware of the deep growth stirring within you. Amen.*

**Postlude** *We Shall Walk through the Valley* VT 574

Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxMbseTy14s>  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xW4hPPDj48>

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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 28	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
3/14	Zoom 17 Church 9 Total 26	\$1800.00		\$1800.00

## 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.

**Salina Spring Spruce Up:** Volunteer on Saturday, April 17, 8:00 am to noon. Choose from 8 projects at various locations. Tools are provided. You must wear a mask, bring your own water, snacks & gloves. Social Distancing will be mandatory. Contact Pastor Christina for details.

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for pastors in WDC, and pray for God’s strength and wisdom for them as they provide care, leadership and guidance for congregations in the face of many challenges.

**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](mailto: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 Georgia Metz, M. Div. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event. Register before April 5 by emailing [WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com](mailto:WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com)

**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

## MCC Plants and Things

Mark your calendars for the Annual KMRS Plants and Thing Sale. Because of the move of the MCC Sale to July, we are selling plants, seedlings, flowers, vegetables and many more items on **Saturday, April 10, starting at 9:00 AM and running through the day, closing at 6:00 PM.** The Sale will be held at the MCC Building in North Newton, Kansas and will utilize the MCC Buildings as well as the parking lot to allow for proper social distancing and having plenty of room to spread out the flats brought in from greenhouses for the Sale and the many donations by our local gardeners. This is your opportunity to prepare for your gardening year, and to support the great work of the Mennonite Central Committee. Credit Cards will be accepted.

If you have donations of plants to make, please bring them to the MCC Building on Friday afternoon, April 9. This will be a drive through donation with volunteers greeting you and collecting your donations of tomato plants, cabbage sets, etc. If you wish to make a donation and can't make this time frame, please contact Kristi at 1-620 367-2721 or email [kdunruh97@gmail.com](mailto:kdunruh97@gmail.com).

Volunteers are needed to help Friday to accept plants and help set up. On Saturday volunteers are needed to help with organization and cashiers. Please check out the Sign-up Genius below or KMRS website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

Theresa Klassen will also have a table present at the Plants and Things Sale area selling recycled jewelry. As with Plants and Things all profits go to support the work of MCC.

Get a start on participating in the 2021 KMRS, by planning to attend the Plants and Things Booth and some recycled jewelry.

**Here is the link to the Plants and Things Sign-Up Genius:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44AFA72CA6F85-volunteers1>

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.

**From MC USA:** This month marks five years since Pastor Max Villatoro of Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church, Iowa City, Iowa, was detained and deported to Honduras. He now lives in Mexico, separated from his family. Read his story here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/deportation-knocked>

**MennoCon21:** Do you have questions about MennoCon21? Mennonite Church USA leaders provide an update and address questions in this recorded webinar:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-da-webinar>

**#BringThePeace:** Turn donated firearms into garden tools and art as part of Mennonite Church USA's new collaboration with RAWtools, Inc. Learn how your congregation can get involved.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/collaboration-with-rawtools>

**MennoSnapshots:** Through the experiences of her own family, Ingrid Friesen Moser reflects on how Mennonite congregations have evolved in the way they support the health of pastors and their families in her blog, "With gratitude for health and pastoral well-being." She encourages congregations to use The Corinthian Plan's Pastor Well-being Checklist to support their pastor(s). Read more:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/gratitude-pastoral-wellbeing>

**Learn, Pray, Join:** In his blog, "Let us create communities of resistance to militarism in all its forms," Titus Peachey recounts his experiences dealing with the aftermath of U.S. military engagements in Vietnam and Laos and calls us to create communities of resistance to militarism. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resistance-militarism>

**Mennonite World Conference:** Lord, you have formed your people with diversity within the body of Christ. Yet this gift sometimes seems unwelcome. Our brothers and sisters hold different opinions and practices that make us feel uncomfortable. Continue to teach us through your Spirit to learn unity without uniformity.