

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 28, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Lent/Palm Sunday



Heavenly Mother by Kandace Boos

Deep Calls to Deep

Deep in the Current: Called to Deep Hope

Focus: *As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* VT 315
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76CeTnrezcc>
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxzhFsuBijj>

Call to Worship

One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

ALL: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God.

One: I do not turn toward those who strike me.

I do not hide my face from insult.

ALL: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

One: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches.
You are our God.

**ALL: We give thanks, for you are good,
and your steadfast love endures.**

One: Many shouted, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

ALL: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

One: Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,
who humbled himself and became our hope.

ALL: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Hymn *My Hope Is Built* VT 120
Quartet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1BJj0SXUuQ>
Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkIr6eHjQXI>

Storytelling *We Hope and Trust in Jesus*

The hope and trust that we have in Jesus as our Savior, Messiah, and friend is like the waves that we experience at the beach. It affects our actions every day. Our deep hope in Jesus can lead us to talk about him with others. It can lead us to being thankful for everything that Jesus did for us. This deep hope also leads us to love Jesus, love ourselves, love others around us, and love nature.

Scripture *A Procession of Thanksgiving* Psalm 118
 Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem John 12:12-16

Hymn *Jesus Is Coming* VT 312
Bret Hesla <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY08ccvDoaE>
Child <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zgaiMSu0mg>

Sermon *Called to Deep Hope*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

One: Deep calls to deep.

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

One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet

Into whirlpools of expectations,

Into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace

Enduring forever,

Saving us.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

ALL: Calling us to deep hope.

We come to you, God.

Hymn *As I Went Down to the River* VT 453
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPrc8rZgZ10>
Tubas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMI0kxzf4YU>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *My Life Flows on* VT 605
Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9nZNN3qRgM>
Aeolians <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sznYqRC3Bg>

Benediction

Through the current of the crowd, Jesus came. The shouts swelled, blurred, and hurried, but he remained calm. It is easy to be swept up in a changing current. May we see the current for what it is and be centered in deep hope. Go in the knowledge that the current of the crowd was not the end of the story, but led to a new beginning. May hope in the kingdom of God be with you always. Amen.

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VT 313

Piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOKYcpVPD4g>

Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuNNG2DE6Z4>

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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 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
3/21	Zoom 22 Church 10 Total 32	\$750.00		\$750.00

Holy Week Events

Friday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Join other congregations along I-70 (Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City) on Zoom. The link will be emailed to you on Thursday. (This will not be our usual Sunday Zoom link.) The gathering will be recorded and made public via the [Rainbow Mennonite Church YouTube channel](#) by 8 pm.

Sunday, April 4, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise: Worship and breakfast is at Butch & Marla Stucky’s home. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. A simple, outdoor meal will be provided.

Sunday, April 4, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Worship including Communion: Join us in the building or on Zoom using the usual link. Please provide your own bread and juice for communion. As part of sharing the table, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

Local Announcements

The 2021 Salina Souperbowl of Hope results are in. There were over 30 Salina churches involved and several businesses. We exceeded our goal of 55,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Emergency Food Bank of Salina, Salina Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVAK. This year’s collection was the 9th time we have exceeded our goal. We thank everyone for their donations and volunteer labors and look forward to next year.

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: Pray for all WDC congregations and members in this Holy Week, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross and in the promise of true life.

All women and girls are invited to the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event. Register before April 5 by emailing 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.

Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah! Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Spend time fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. People are welcome Friday, but no meals or entertainment will be provided. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

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.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: Naomi Tice, serving with MMN, began an assignment with *Christliche Dienste* (German Mennonite Voluntary Service) last month. Pray for Naomi's fluency in the German language and ability to adapt, as this is the third country in which she has worked in the past year, due to COVID-19 restrictions and visa regulations.

MennoSnapshots: In the video "A Christ-like approach to leading polarized people," author and teacher Brad Jersak shares how to lead in more genuine and Christ-like ways by demonstrating seven "radical" facets of faith. View the full video

here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/approach-polarized-people>

Learn, Pray, Join: Join us this Palm Sunday as we pray a prayer for peacemaking, written by Pastor Amy Yoder McGloughlin of Frazer (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, as part of the "Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War" initiative. Find the prayer and more information about the initiative here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>

Learn, Pray, Join: In her blog, "An imperfect, inconsistent, pro-life witness for peace," Carolyn Yoder explores how neuroscience may cause inconsistencies between nonviolent beliefs and behaviors. But despite these imperfections, we must persevere in our peacemaking. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/imperfect-inconsistent-witness>

Mennonite World Conference: Lord, you call us to speak to each other honestly and directly when there is offense. Give us courage to do so with grace and compassion. Guide us also to search our own hearts for ways we have failed and lead us in repentance.

Everence Online Webinar – Gifts That Give Later: Tuesday, April 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. You can practice generosity in many ways, but sometimes it can be challenging to find the method that best fits both your faith and financial goals. Join this webinar to learn about a few options to consider, including bequests and end-of-life giving, as you explore ways to make your finances work for you while giving back. Register soon for this free, online event by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.