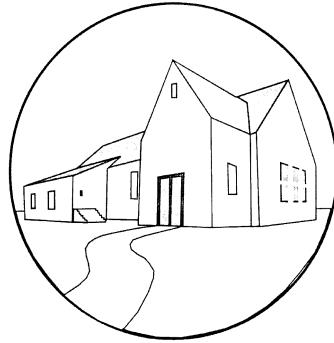


# Salina Mennonite Church

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.*

**May 2, 2021**



## Stories from Acts

**Prelude**     *Jesus, meine Freude*     John R. Knox  
Duke Chapel     [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eGAN5L\\_BNY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eGAN5L_BNY)

**Call to Worship**     VT 884

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people,  
before the world began,

**ALL: God was.**

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us,  
clearer than air, closer than breathing,

**ALL: God is.**

Leader: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust  
and human knowledge has been completed.

**ALL: God will be.**

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world,  
but redeeming it through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**ALL: God was, God is, God will be.**

**Hymn**     *Holy, Holy, Holy!*     VT 76  
Virtual     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htRf7n3-mgE>  
Orchestra     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=br4K8pgh3oo>

**Storytelling**     *Chariot Chat*     Acts 8:5-6, 26-40  
Saddleback Kids     [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7\\_teFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEqn7_teFo)

**Hymn**     *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*     VT 443  
Solo     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OWWqS1jnOw>  
Choir     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVb9DfzXqLM>

**Scripture**     *Philip Preaches in Samaria*     Acts 8:8-24

**Sermon**     *Do You Have Any Regrets?*     Loren Van Tassel

**Hymn**     *Cleanse Me (Search Me, O God)*  
A Cappella     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geHmjU-1J8Q>  
Cathedrals     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Kuo3lg-LBU>

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

**Hymn**     *When We Walk with the Lord*     VT 570  
A Cappella     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmGb3zRv6xE>  
Virtual     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1tUsvJm1vI>

**Benediction**     VT 1065

*Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:  
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;  
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High;  
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen*

**Postlude**     *With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder*     VT 579  
Congregation     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tobz5q87OEM>  
Instrumental     <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOewwFIwt5Q>

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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*

- Stories from Acts 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

May 5	Worship Committee	5:30 pm
May 9	Worship (hybrid)	10:00 am
May 22	Memorial Service for Susan Reitz	10:00 am
May 25	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
June 6	Homecoming Sunday	10:00 am
June 20	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
4/25	Zoom 17 Church 12 Total 29	\$0.00		\$0.00

## Local Announcements

**Memorial Service:** A memorial service for Susan Reitz is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, May 22, in the church’s backyard. A reception will follow the service, beginning around 10:45. Everyone is invited to attend the service and/or reception.

**Homecoming Sunday:** Plans are underway to return to in-person worship on Sunday, June 6. You are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary, if possible. We will continue to maintain the Zoom connections each week. Please contact Pastor Christina or Annelle Claassen with any questions or suggestions you have about this.

**MennoCon21:** Money is available to pay your registration for virtual attendance at MC USA’s convention July 6-10. Check out the details at [Home - 2021 Mennonite USA Convention](#). Contact Pastor Christina to take advantage of this offer.

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit’s leading in selecting nominees for positions on the Executive Board and Commissions.

**Everence will host the following free, online webinars** during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m.

- Making your wishes known - Tuesday, May 11
- Navigating education savings: 529 plans - Tuesday, May 18
- Social Security and retirement income planning – Tuesday, May 25

To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at [everence.com/kansas](http://everence.com/kansas).

**California Roasted Almonds** are to arrive in Buhler, May 3. As soon as they are received, we will deliver to Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Prices is \$10/bag with donations welcomed. The money will all go to MCC. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787

**MCC Sale:** Get your MCC Relief Sale gear online at

<https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/>

The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.

**Camp Mennoscah:** Help set up camp! Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by May 15: 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**Hesston College Bel Canto Singers May Tour:** [Lift Every Voice](#)

- Monday, May 3, 7 p.m. – Dyck Arboretum of the Plains with Marie Engle, Hesston, Kan.
- Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m. – First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kan.
- Friday, May 14, 7 p.m. – Tabor Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kan.

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN's Youth Venture program is offering three learning and service opportunities in the United States this summer. Pray for participants, ages 15-22, to be challenged by the Doctrine of Discovery tour, the civil rights tour, or the immersive peacebuilding experience, which will include cooperative interaction with Colombian Mennonite youth.

**Mennonite Education Association:** Many schools are holding graduation events this month. We recognize and honor graduates at all levels, from kindergarten and primary schools to high school, college and university, graduate and seminary students. Education is a lifelong journey, and the Anabaptist-Mennonite schools help build strong foundations for learning, curiosity and wonder.

**Mennonite Church USA:** The Executive Board of MC USA approved a \$1.4 million budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, announced a special delegate session for May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri, and reviewed several proposed resolutions during its April meeting. Read more:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board-approves-21-22-budget/>

**#BringThePeace:** Mennonite Church USA has released a new online curriculum called, "Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum." The nine-week interactive multi-media curriculum focuses on a biblical view of personal and community safety, in response to the continued brutalization of Black, Brown and Indigenous people by police. Learn more about the curriculum here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news-abolition-curriculum>

**Menno Snapshots:** Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, responded to the verdict in the George Floyd murder case in his blog, "Unfulfilled: A Reaction to the Chauvin Guilty Verdict." Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog-unfulfilled>