



## 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.*

**June 6, 2021**

**Seeking Justice Together**

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### Jesus Calls for Justice

#### Welcome

#### Gathering Hymn

Solo w/Guitar  
Choir

*What Is This Place*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4F8qnmBew4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uY30kyyMng4>

Voices Together 22

#### Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

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

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**ALL: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: Come, let us join our praise with the heavens and all of creation as we worship our God.

based on Psalm 19:1-6

#### Prayer

God of Justice, you are for all people, comforting the troubled and troubling the comfortable.

Inspire us and challenge us as we hear your word and worship you today.

May the words from our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

#### Hymn

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

Voices Together 1

Voices Together Launch [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9g1-G\\_UHSHo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9g1-G_UHSHo)

#### Readers Theater

*Luke 4:14-30*

Pew Bible 835

Illustrated [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBexQG9\\_RI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBexQG9_RI8)

Dramatized <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2ojxNR8ECU>

#### Storytelling

*Good News*

If you are poor and have no food, what would be good news for you?

If you are sick and in the hospital, what would be good news for you?

#### Hymn

*God's Love Is for Everybody*

#### Sermon

*The Good News of Deliverance*

#### Hymn

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Voices Together 428

Ensemble w/Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2T4zptmvs4>

Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Wp6X4m6acQ>

#### Voices Together Prayer of Dedication

Leader: As we dedicate Voices Together,

**ALL: We join our voices**

Leader: with the voices of those who taught us to sing and pray: friends, family,  
church communities, those who stand beside us, and those we have never met.

**ALL: We join our voices**

Leader: with the voices of those who go before us in faith: 16<sup>th</sup>-century Anabaptists and  
medieval mystics, 20<sup>th</sup>-century activists and early communities of Jesus-followers.

**ALL: We join our voices**

Leader: with the voices of those we know from Scripture: Paul and Silas in prison,  
Mary overcome with joy, Miriam and Moses, psalmists, and prophets.

**ALL: We join our voices**

Leader: with the voices of those who speak, and sing, and sign in many languages:  
in communities large and small, urban and rural, emerging and established,  
in many expressions of worship and music.

Leader: And when we struggle to join our voices, we pray:

**ALL:** *for patience as we learn new ways of worship and song,  
for understanding when we encounter the unexpected,  
for forgiveness when we rush to judgment,  
for wisdom in choosing what and how much to attempt,  
for courage to take risks and to fail,  
for faith that we are held in God's grace,  
for hope that we can grow together as the body of Christ,  
for love of God and neighbor strengthened and expressed through worship and song.*

Leader: With gratitude:

**ALL:** *We give thanks to God*

Leader: for poets, composers, and visual artists who help us sing and pray  
in ways both familiar and new about changing realities and eternal truths.

**ALL:** *We give thanks to God*

Leader: for committees, denominations, and publishers, volunteers, supporters, and donors,  
for the hundreds of people and the tens of thousands of decisions  
that create a hymnal and worship book.

**ALL:** *We give thanks to God*

Leader: for communities of worship and song that surround us filling our hearts,  
stretching our minds, moving our bodies, and stirring our spirits.

**ALL:** *We give thanks to God for Voices Together*

Leader: and dedicate these books and the worship they support  
to the glory of God, in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** *Amen.*

**Hymn** *Together* Voices Together 389

Congregation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CegaL\\_Dnxxc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CegaL_Dnxxc)

*Voices Together* Launch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAVdJEi0FGg>

**Reception of New Members - Dustin and Collene Stucky with Lena and Ruby**

**Welcome from the Congregation** Voices Together 961

Leader: Dustin and Collene, we have witnessed your commitment to Christ,  
And we recognize you as members in this congregation.

**ALL:** *We welcome you with joy as companions on the journey of faith.  
We commit ourselves to fellowship and worship, service and witness,  
as partners in God's mission.*

*We receive you as Christ has received us.*

Leader: Lena and Ruby, we welcome you to this family of faith.

**ALL:** *We will share with you, listen to you, care for you, pray for you,  
laugh and cry with you. We welcome you as Christ has welcomed us.*

**Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* Voices Together 581

**Benediction**

*Go from here, transformed by the love of God,  
to be Christ's disciples here on earth, a people who care for all.*

**Postlude** *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Jerry Ray

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

Piano w/Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=506VQGHYHGg>

**A congregational meeting follows worship.**

## Pastor Christina's Schedule

**Usual Office Hours:** 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

This schedule may vary. Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

## Christian Education

For Children – *Seeking Justice Together*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Facing Life's Challenges* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers'

## Upcoming Events

|         |                                |          |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|
| June 13 | Worship                        | 10:00 am |
| June 20 | Third Sunday Potluck           | 11:30 am |
| June 24 | Church Board @ Zergers'        | 7:00 pm  |
| June 30 | Worship Committee @ Newcomers' | 7:00 pm  |

## Worship Totals

| 2021 | Attendance                          | Unified Budget | Other | Total    |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| 5/30 | Zoom 18<br>In-Person 16<br>Total 34 | \$850.00       |       | \$850.00 |

## Local Announcements

**Proposed Welcome Statement:** At their meeting on May 27, the church board drafted a welcome statement to add to our current mission statement. We welcome your feedback at the June 6 congregational meeting and by returning the response form.

Proposed statement: *Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking. We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, or status.*

**A Note of Thanks:** Thank you to all that came on Saturday to our mom's service – it meant a lot to us to see you there. The church was a bit part of our mom's life. She really treasured all the wonderful people she met and friendships that were built. We really appreciate all the love and support you gave her over the years. Wishing you all the best! With love, Meredith Bolin and Grover Reitz.

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC children, youth and their leaders participating in vacation Bible School, and at Camp Mennoscah and other camps this summer.

**Texas Joint Mennonite Worship:** As the Covid Pandemic seems to be coming to an end in our country, let us gather in worship again. All are welcome to join us online on June 12 at 6:30 pm for a service of song, scripture, and prayer. We will hear a message from the associate conference minister for Texas, Sandra Montez-Martinez, music from Hope Fellowship and Casa Del Alfarero, and updates from the churches represented. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer and thanksgiving together.

**Join Jerusalem Seminar this winter!** Bethel College and Tabor College are again sponsoring a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, from December 26, 2021, to January 15, 2022. The four emphases of the trip are to (1) understand the Bible in its context, (2) learn about the three major religions of the area (Judaism, Islam, Eastern Christianity), (3) understand the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and (4) take time for reflection, worship, and prayer together. There is currently room for additional persons to participate. If interested, contact Peter Goerzen ([pgoerzen@bethelks.edu](mailto:pgoerzen@bethelks.edu)) immediately. Cost is estimated at \$4700-\$4900 per person.

**Staff Announcement:** WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk has announced her plans to retire August 31, 2021. She writes, *"I am so grateful for the opportunity that I've had to work at WDC for the last 17+ years. My decision to retire at this time comes with mixed feelings of excitement for what's ahead and sadness for what will be left behind. I have enjoyed my work very much and felt valued in my role. Working with the various staff members over the years and learning to know many pastors and others has indeed been a blessing to me. I also look forward to a new chapter of life and the possibilities that it brings."* We are grateful for Nancy's faithful service to WDC, and will be making plans to recognize Nancy and prepare for this transition on the WDC staff. More information will be announced later.

### **Churchwide Announcements**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God with MMN for the dedication of Service Adventure leaders who are transitioning into other ministries this month. Pray for Cindy Headings (four years), Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiler (three years), and the Eric and Julie Yoder family (three years).

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA responded to a proposed resolution from South Central Mennonite Conference (SCMC), calling for the dissolution of the conference. SCMC delegates will vote on the resolution at their assembly in July. "Our prayers are with the communities and people of SCMC," said Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/responds-scmc-proposal>

**Mennonite Church USA:** Glen Guyton, the executive director of Mennonite Church USA, has partnered with Dove's Nest to help churches keep children and youth safe. For tips, resources and to learn more about Guyton's work with Dove's Nest, read this news release: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/keep-boys-safe>

**Menno Snapshots:** Retired Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff member Carol Epp passed away April 24. Menno Snapshots re-shared the blog "Remembering Carol Epp: A Reflection on Her Service" as a tribute to her many years of service. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/remembering-carol-epp/>

**MennoCon21:** When life gets hard, it is difficult to find the peace. In her blog, "Feel the Peace," Ana Alicia Hinojosa, who will be the July 6 worship speaker at MennoCon21, reflects on her conference topic by grappling with where the peace goes when everything feels like it is falling apart. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/feel-the-peace/>

**MennoCon21:** Mennonite Church USA has announced the list of in-person and online equipping seminars for youth and adults for this year's hybrid MennoCon21 convention, to be held July 6-10 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/seminars-mennocon21>

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for economic recovery and that government leaders will have the fear of God as they lead so that there will be peace (1 Timothy 2:1-2).