



## 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.*

**July 4, 2021**

**Seeking Justice Together**

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### Sisters Ask for Land

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Instrumental

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Voices Together 443

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBcr7GUJvxI>

#### Call to Worship

Leader: My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods!

***ALL: There is nothing that can compare to your works!***

Leader: All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord;  
they will glorify your name,

***ALL: because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.***

Leader: Teach us your way, Lord, so that we can walk in your truth.

***ALL: Make our hearts focused only on honoring your name.***

Leader: We give thanks to you, our Lord, our God, with all our hearts,  
and we glorify your name forever.

***ALL: because your faithful love toward us is awesome and because you've rescued our lives.***

#### Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

Voices Together 549

"Quartet"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-ti598JGBQ>

Goshen College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=627zCglxaMA>

#### Prayer

God of Justice, we are grateful that you are a God who listens to the cries of those  
weighed down by unjust laws and systems.

Help us to become more like you, with ears tuned toward the call of the oppressed  
and a willingness to demand justice for all.

As we 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.

#### Readers Theater

*Numbers 27:1-11*

Pew Bible 128

Storyteller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6KZBBY7Qng>

#### Storytelling

*Good News*

If you had to do something scary, what might Jesus do or say to you to help you be brave?  
What do you see or experience that is unfair and could use good news?

#### Hymn

*Beauty for Brokenness*

Voices Together 712

Graham Kendrick

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

#### Sermon

*Include Us*

#### Hymn

*This Is My Song*

Voices Together 710

Virtual

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ySdhCtnUWg>

#### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

#### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Hymn

*God of the Fertile Fields*

Voices Together 750

Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afzMySYK5-8>

## Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God,  
with courageous spirits may you seek justice for all.

## Postlude

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Westminster Choir [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4C9zVg5X\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4C9zVg5X_A)

Voices Together 846

## Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

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* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- Informal Discussion – *Seeking Justice Together* – 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Sunday	July 11	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	July 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Thursday	July 22	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 4	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
6/27	Zoom 4 In-Person 17 Total 21	\$100.00	Special Needs Fund \$95.00	\$195.00

## Local Announcements

**Welcome Statement:** Thanks for your feedback on the welcome statement. The response to it as written has been overwhelmingly positive. Affirmation of the statement will be on the agenda of our congregational meeting on August 29. The church board continues to welcome your feedback.

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**Backyard Festival and Cookout:** The church board is looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of a backyard event on September 18 or 25. The event will likely include games, crafts, a bouncy house, and a cookout. Let Annelle, Pete, Vera, or Christina know if you are willing to help with the planning.

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Pray for delegates, youth groups and others from WDC attending MennoCon21 (Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly) both virtually and in-person this week.

**Shaking up the WDC Assembly worship** Saturday evening (July 31)! Virtual participants, grab your supper at home, and onsite participants, get your supper from a food truck (at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS), then join us for a time of worship and communion around the supper table. We hope you'll join us for this and other creative worship times, seminars/webinars, and more July 30-August 1 as part of the WDC Annual Assembly. For more Assembly information, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

**WDC delegates appointed by the WDC Executive Board to the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly** on July 10 are Lois Barrett, Delon Martens, June Krehbiel, Karen Mascho, Lee Lever, Heidi Regier Kreider, Sandra Montes-Martinez, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Lilly Garcia (youth delegate) and Andrea Hernandez (youth delegate). Pray for the Spirit's presence and guidance for these representatives, as well as WDC congregational delegates, youth groups and others who gather virtually or in person for MennoCon21, July 6-10.

**Storytelling opportunity!** WDC's Annual Assembly theme is "Woven into God's Story." StoryCorps has invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate online conversations between people of different viewpoints and life experiences. We are still seeking additional registrants to meet the number needed for the project, so StoryCorps has rescheduled WDC's virtual recording days for October 7-9 (instead of July). With this change in dates, participants will be matched with a conversation partner from the WDC community OR from the StoryCorps national community, to make sure everyone has an opportunity for a conversation. This means you still have time to sign up! To register, go to <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>. To learn more, see these examples of *One Small Step* [stories](#).

**Join us in saying thanks to WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk!** If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Nancy in anticipation of her retirement at the end of August, you are invited to stop by to visit with Nancy at the WDC office (2517 North Main Street, N. Newton) or to send a note to her at WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

**WDC's website has a new look.** Check it out at <https://mennowdc.org>. While it is still a work in progress, the refreshed website is now THE place to go for all things WDC! Beginning in July, the *WDC Sprouts* weekly newsletter email will be discontinued. WDC articles, announcements, and other information will be posted exclusively on the website.

The MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS will be open to the public starting Tuesday, July 6. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Masks are respected but not required for fully vaccinated adults. We look forward to welcoming you back at MCC! Contact us at 316-283-2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network: July 4** Arloa Bontrager of MMN has been the servant project coordinator for Mennonite Church USA conventions since 2003! Thank God for her faithful ministry and for the 23,533 volunteers who have contributed to the ministry of 420 local agencies during the past 18 years. Pray that Jesus' love will be shown through this year's Service in a Box projects.

**Menno Snapshots:** As the world reopens, Duncan Smith of Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan explores what it means to care for each other at this point in the pandemic. Read his blog, "Caring for each other during COVID-19, Part II." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/caring-during-covid19-part-2>

**MennoCon21:** In his blog, "So, What's Your Spiritual Type," Brian Martin Burkholder of Eastern Mennonite University provides a sneak-peak into his MennoCon21 seminar that will look at the *Discover Your Spiritual Type* personality test. Knowing your spiritual type can help you understand how you worship, and knowing others' spiritual types can help your church grow spiritually. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/your-spiritual-type>.

**MennoCon21:** God is a God of peace — a God who created a world of peace. So, where is the peace now and how do we get back to it? Dr. Lesley Francisco McClendon of C3 explores the Tuesday evening worship topic for MennoCon21, in this blog: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/root-of-peace>.