



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.

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Seeking Justice Together

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Nathan Confronts a King

Welcome

Prelude

Piano

We Gather Together

arr, John Carter

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

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

ALL: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

***ALL: Because their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.***

Leader: But the wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ALL: May we delight in the law of the Lord!

Hymn

Let's Walk Together

Voices Together 6

Virtual w/Lyrics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6np1Oiw_sM

Prayer

God of Justice, you do not tolerate unfair actions that hurt the most vulnerable,
and yet we confess that sometimes we are the ones who hurt others
or participate in unjust systems because we do not speak up for what is right.
Forgive us.

Give us the courage through your Spirit to delight in your law,
to act justly, and to call out wrongdoing when we see it.

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

2 Samuel 12:1-15

Pew Bible 248

Animated

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eho1_fkjiOA

Dramatized

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3mgjJivN7o

Storytelling

Good News

Who can we tell if we make mistakes and are feeling bad?
What can we do if we see someone hurting someone else?

Hymn

Love the Lord Your God

Voices Together 288

Paul Zach

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

Sermon

Who Watches the Watchman?

Georgia Metz

Hymn

How Can We Be Silent?

Voices Together 827

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPRHNiaV3H8>

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Move in Our Midst

Voices Together 827

Virtual
w/Lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUjZKOXc5bk>
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wq0ESR8 -A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wq0ESR8-A)

Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God,
with the humility to recognize mistakes and the bravery to act for change.

Postlude

Traveling On Medley

arr. Kathy Smith

Some other traveling songs.....

As I Travel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9FQbDTwBh0>

Traveling On

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yklbbPTbaM8>

Marching to Zion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjzcFr26sIE>

We welcome our guest speaker and storyteller. Georgia Metz is an adult convert to the Mennonite faith and a freelance minister. She has a Bachelor's in Bible and Theology from Bluffton University in Ohio and a Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO. She currently lives in Manhattan, where she loves exploring the weirdness of the Bible and the goodness of God.

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 18	Worship & Third Sunday Potluck	10:00 am
Thursday	July 22	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 4	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 29	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/4	Zoom 16 In-Person 19 Total 35	Rent \$200.00 \$1540.00		\$1740.00

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.

My Coins Count: Our contribution to MCC through the My Coins Count jar was \$125.00. Thank you for your contributions. Let's start collecting for next year!

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and offer support and accountability for ministerial leadership in the conference.

Joining Voices Together: WDC and Bethel College invite you to save the date for Bethel's 5th Biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College – Joining Voices Together, November 5-8, 2021, featuring the new denominational hymnal, *Voices Together* (2020). This worship book is resonating across Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada as we reach for connection with each other and with God's work in the world. The Symposium will include convocation speakers on Nov 5 and 8, seminars and evening worship on Nov 6, and guest presenters in area congregations on Nov 7. Come gather around stories that shaped *Voices Together*; contemplate the visual art curated for this collection; experience historical, contemporary and intercultural worship; and develop tools for adopting new resources in your worshiping community. More information and registration available soon at www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

Everence to hold *Gifts that give back* webinar – Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.: Many make charitable gifts to support their favorite causes and organizations. Some choose to extend their charitable giving further by designating dollars for charity in their end-of-life plans. But did you know there is another type of gift plan that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date? Come to this workshop to learn more about “Gifts that give back” and whether it is a strategy for you! This free webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. Please register by contacting the office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: In Bangladesh, India and Nepal, Community Health Evangelists (CHEs) have received special permission from their governments to work, despite COVID-19 travel restrictions. MMN requests prayer for the CHEs, who care for the sick and share the good news of God's love throughout Asia.

Menno Snapshots: In preparation for the Climate Ride, a cross-country bicycle ride put on by the Center for Sustainable Climate Change, Sierra Ross Richer reflected on what it means to be lost in nature, both literally and metaphorically. Read about her journey to “Overcoming ‘Lost’” here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/overcoming-lost>.

Menno Snapshots: Contemporary Worship Music (CWM) takes a prominent role in the *Voices Together* songbook. For many congregations, CWM may be an unfamiliar way to worship. In their blog, “Featured resource: A guide to Contemporary Worship Music in *Voices Together*,” Benjamin Bergey and Anneli Loepp Thiessen help churches understand how to use this resource. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/guide-contemp-music-voicestogether>

#BringThePeace: The Colombian Mennonite Church (IMCOL) is the most recent recipient of the Mennonite Church USA's Justice Fund grant, which is used to dismantle racism and build peace. Colombia has experienced continual political unrest for more than half a century, and the grant will be used to support Justpaz, an IMCOL ministry aimed at promoting nonviolence. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/colombian-church/>.

#BringThePeace: Support Mennonite Church USA congregations that are working toward social justice by donating to the Justice Fund. Right now, Allegheny Mennonite Conference is offering a matching grant if we can raise \$15,000. Donate here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-matching-grant/>.