



## 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 25, 2021**

**Seeking Justice Together**

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### Proclaim Jubilee

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Piano

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr, John Carter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezsQz4fGaFQ>

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty heavens!  
Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to the Lord's surpassing greatness!

***ALL: As long as we have breath, we will praise the Lord!***

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!  
Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!  
Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

***ALL: As long as we have breath, we will praise the Lord!***

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

***ALL: Praise the Lord!***

#### Hymn

Men's Choir  
In German

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Voices Together 88

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roxlm\\_gCb7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roxlm_gCb7c)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSSkG0oSwcl>

#### Prayer

God, you are worthy of our thanks and praise because you are a God of justice who desires shalom for all you have created.  
Inspire us to love like you do so that as we try each day to live in your way of freedom and fairness for all, the world may become a more compassionate place where all that you have breathed into life may thrive.  
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

Narrated

*Leviticus 25*

Pew Bible 98

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9LgV5D0aRU>

#### Storytelling

*Making Things Right*

#### Hymn

Congregation

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Voices Together 207

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNv1z2qwZHU>

#### Sermon

*Filling Buckets*

#### Hymn

Ensemble

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Voices Together 737

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ph-t8P2r\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ph-t8P2r_I)

#### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

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

#### Announcements

#### Hymn

Virtual Choir

*My Soul Cries Out*

Voices Together 412

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ch1HwhNHHeE>

#### Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God, to live in the spirit of jubilee, so that all may be returned and restored, so that all things may be set right again.

**Postlude**

Instrumental Trio

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

arr. John Innes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpHCQje\\_yEo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpHCQje_yEo)**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**

Wednesday	July 28	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	Aug. 1	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Aug. 15	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Aug. 19	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	Aug. 29	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Saturday	Sept. 18	Backyard Festival	4-7 pm

**Worship Totals**

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/18	Zoom 3 In-Person 33 Total 36	\$656.00		\$656.00

**Local Announcements**

**WDC Annual Assembly Registration:** Would you like to attend WDC Annual Assembly, either in-person or virtually? Our congregation has made a donation that allows anyone in the congregation to register and attend the assembly. Check with Pastor Christina for more details.

**School Supplies Needed:**

- **Blessing Box:** paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, Ticonderoga pencils
- **Cottonwood School:** Expo markers, children's masks, snacks
- **MCC School Kits:**
  - 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
  - 8 new unsharpened pencils
  - 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
  - 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
  - 1 large eraser
  - 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
  - 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (These will be supplied for you.)

**Backyard Festival:** Sign up now to help with the Backyard Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 4-7 pm. Activities include games, crafts, fellowship, and food.

**Conferencewide Announcements**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC's Annual Assembly next weekend, as we share the new experience of a hybrid (in-person and online) gathering!

**Book Discussion:** Join us on Thursday, July 29 from 7-8:00pm via Zoom to discuss *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez. Email the WDC Resource Library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) to borrow a copy of the book or to register for the discussion.

**WDC Assembly:** Remember to register for the WDC Annual Assembly at: [mennowdc.org/2021](http://mennowdc.org/2021). Friday worship, July 30 at 7 pm followed by sno-cones outside at 8 pm. July 31, Saturday 7-8 pm enjoy storytelling under the tent with fresh popcorn. Invite your friends to Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton, KS, for some summer fun. Storytelling also inside and online!

**Book Sale:** Support the Resource Library at their book sale (by donation) under the tent at the WDC Annual Assembly on July 31. See more Assembly information at: [www.mennowdc.org/2021/](http://www.mennowdc.org/2021/)

**Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton!** Get your Colorado Peaches this summer and support MCC at the same time. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2. Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org). Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

### Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** This month, Mary Raber is bringing closure to her 11 years of ministry with MMN in Ukraine. Pray that Mary will find ways to maintain relationships, even as she says goodbye to students and colleagues at Odessa Theological Seminary and the churches where she worshiped.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, discusses his new book, "Reawakened" and provides eight keys to help congregations develop the abilities they need to bring hope and healing to their communities. Watch here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-reawakened>

**Menno Snapshots:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee released the *Voices Together* hymnal and many resources for in-person and virtual worship. Committee member Katie Graber looks at how we have been "Sharing in God's story through our voices, together" through the last year. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/sharing-gods-story-voicestogether>

**Menno Snapshots:** In his blog, "Church cash reserves: How much is enough or too much?" Beryl Jantzi of Everence explains why churches should consider building cash reserves for financial emergencies. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/church-cash-reserves>

**Menno Snapshots:** In the face of difficulty, is silence your natural response? Should it be? In June Mears Driedger's blog, "Directed silence," she shares her experience with the healing power of silence: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/directed-silence>.

**Menno Snapshots:** Overall, Sunday morning worship attendance has been slowly declining over the past few decades. How do we fix this problem, or do we even need to? Michele Hershberger discusses this topic in her blog, "There's an elephant in the sanctuary." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/elephant-in-the-sanctuary>

**Mennonite World Conference:** May our hearts and souls hold all of our global brothers and sisters in prayerful attendance while each of us struggles with the realities and consequences not only of the pandemic but of severe and violent oppression, economic disruption etc.