



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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A Son Returns Home

Welcome

Prelude

Piano

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr, Lee Rogers (VT 638)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rVnno_lnqw

Call to Worship

Leader: What is true happiness?

ALL: The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

Leader: That's why all the faithful should pray to you, O God, during troubled times,
so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

You are our secret hideout! You protect us from trouble!

You surround us with songs of rescue!

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad!

All whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!

based on Psalm 32

Hymn

Folk Choir

The Lord Is My Light

Voices Together 437

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3zrvvilgSU>

Prayer

Merciful God, we rejoice in your loving embrace of all who are in trouble
and those who haven't always done what is right, because you know that too often
we are the ones in need of your forgiveness and love.

You have shown us mercy when we have done nothing to earn it,
so we will sing songs of praise to you this day.

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pew Bible 850

Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM&t=8s>

Modern Retelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viBKvhJW7IE>

Storytelling

Making Things Right

Hymn

Choir w/Orchestra

The Love of God

Voices Together 162

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDM5QCUqo2o>

Sermon

I Confess

Hymn

Hesston College

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Voices Together 518

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq-S7NGNGgU>

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Hillsong

Oceans

Voices Together 456

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God, knowing that our sins have been forgiven.
Celebrate that the lost have been found.

Postlude

Piano

Prayer

arr. C. Gurlitt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anE69JFQFEU>

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

Out of the office this week, August 2-7

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	Aug. 8	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
Wednesday	Sept. 1	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Saturday	Sept. 18	Backyard Festival	4-7 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/25	Zoom 13 In-Person 20 Total 33	\$.00		\$.00

Local Announcements

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. (We have 48 of these already.)

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: On this Annual Assembly Sunday, give thanks and pray for WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.

Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton! Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, October 15-16. Peaches are available in 10-lb boxes for \$25 and 18-lb boxes for \$35. **Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2. Payment must accompany the order.** 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 or 316.283.2720. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

Kansas MDS Service & Learn Opportunity: Participate in a service trip October 16–23 or February 19–26. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen TX for the MDS project. **Costs:** Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. **Reservations:** To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797. If you are interested in volunteering at McAllen, TX on different weeks than what is in this announcement please call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation last Friday, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in three locations, starting this month through October, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; and Jackson, Mississippi.

Mennonite Church USA: You are invited to participate in the MC USA churchwide Journey Forward study through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices, so please take part in the survey today: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey>

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA held its first online Delegates Assembly on July 10. During the assembly, delegates voted on changes to the MC USA bylaws, confirmed nominees for churchwide boards and heard reports from the Resolutions Committee and racial ethnic and constituency groups. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/virtual-delegate-assembly>

MennoCon21: Good news! It's not too late to purchase your virtual content pass for MennoCon21! The cost of the pass has been reduced to \$25. Access to the MennoCon21 virtual convention will continue to be available through August 10. Sign up here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21_virtual_access

Menno Snapshots: Joy Cotchen has been volunteering at conference in some capacity since 2000. In her blog, "The Joy of volunteering," she shares what she finds most enjoyable about the volunteer experience. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/joy-of-volunteering>.

Mennonite World Conference: Cases of COVID-19 are surging in Indonesia after many people travelled and gathered in groups to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Jakarta and Central Java have been particularly affected. Entire households are being infected and many young people require hospitalization. Members of Mennonite congregations have been infected, so church services are fully online again. Many hospitals are at capacity; oxygen supplies for patients are also running low. Pray that this situation will not drag on causing economic and emotional depression. Pray for the government: may their hard work result in many vaccinations quickly, and may the community be disciplined in following health protocols to protect everyone.