



## 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.*

**August 8, 2021**  
**Seeking Justice Together**

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### Zacchaeus Makes Amends

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

Organ

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

arr, John Innes (VT 101)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3X\\_pCl\\_gZk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3X_pCl_gZk)

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you are righteous, and your decisions are just.

***ALL: Your teachings are true, and completely trustworthy.***

Leader: Your goodness lasts forever! Your instruction is true!

***ALL: Stress and strain have caught up with us, but your commandments are our joy!***

Leader: Your laws are righteous forever. Help us understand so we can live!

based on Psalm 119

#### Hymn

*We Sing to You, O God*

Voices Together 80

Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luVILN2UWWg>

#### Prayer

God, you are righteous and you have shown us the way.

When we stray from the path and do things our own way, you are our guide,  
bringing us back to a better way of living and loving and serving you.

As we worship you today, show us your way.

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 19:1-10*

Pew Bible 854

Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BjtbJFz2ug>

Dramatized

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

#### Storytelling

*Making Things Right*

#### Hymn

*Somlandela (We Will Follow)*

Voices Together 566

Libala Youth Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UF7oWD5mGQ>

#### Sermon

*The Miracle of Change*

Georgia Metz

#### Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Voices Together 540

Choir

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP\\_QEeE\\_CQ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP_QEeE_CQ4)

#### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

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

#### Announcements

#### Hymn

*The Lord Lift You Up*

Voices Together 832

Congregation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-x5wvW7E6no>

#### Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God, to turn things around and set things right.

#### Postlude

*Here I Am, Lord*

arr. Mark Hayes (VT 545)

Piano

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

### 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	Aug. 15	Worship & Third Sunday Potluck	10:00 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
8/1	Zoom 10 In-Person 25 Total 35		\$1,535.54		\$1,535.54

## Local Announcements

**Congregation Meeting follows worship on Sunday, August 29.** The agenda includes: activity reports, affirmation of the welcome statement, and an update on building renovation projects.

### 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.)

## Conferencewide Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for WDC members who have been affirmed for conference leadership roles this coming year, and pray for God’s guidance as they serve in this way. Pastor Christina continues in her role as chair of the Resource Commission.

**Women’s Retreat:** All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women’s Retreat being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on Re/Connecting with God and Each Other. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women’s Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Click here for more information and registration forms: [Women's Retreat 2021 | Western District Conference \(mennowdc.org\)](https://www.mennowdc.org) Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see there!

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** This month, the Bokgoni Sporting Club in Botswana is showcasing opportunities for at-risk teenage girls to participate in life-skills training and sports. MMN requests prayer for increased community participation in this program.

**Mennonite Church USA:** A new video from Mennonite Church USA shows how the Justice Fund is supporting peace and justice work across the denomination through mutual aid. See how Justice Fund grants are helping congregations dismantle racism, uplift the oppressed and promote peace: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-video>.

**#BeTransformed:** At the close of MennoCon21, Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, announced the new theme for this biennium: “Be Transformed.” Read more about what Guyton had to say here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/guyton-call-for-change>.

**Menno Snapshots:** It is too easy for churches to adopt traditions and policies that pull us away from our foundation. In his blog, “The Rock,” Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton urges readers to “set our feet firmly on the rock that is Jesus.” Read: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-rock/>.

**Menno Snapshots:** In his blog, “The hyphenated Anabaptist and the hyphenated college,” Brad Kohlman explains that in Mennonite colleges, it is common to find students who come from other church traditions. He shares how being able to marry people’s faith traditions with their Anabaptist education creates value for the church and the individual’s faith formation. Read more of Kohlman’s thoughts here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hyphenated-anabaptist-college/>.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for peace and stability of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa. We strongly request your prayers for our brothers and sisters in Tigray and Metekel areas. They need our support to heal from the trauma and rehabilitate. Pray for brothers and sisters who are persecuted because of their faith in some parts of the country. Pray for funds to rehabilitate people affected by natural and human-made crisis in different parts of the country. —*Meserete Kristos Church*