



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 Widow Insists on Justice

Welcome

Prelude

Glorious Is Thy Name

arr, Cindy Berry

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Za-e5tj-Xz4>

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 121

ALL: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

Leader: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ALL: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved.

The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

ALL: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

ALL: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil.

The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time on and forevermore.

ALL: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Voices Together 111

Matt Redman

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E

Prayer

Merciful God, Our hearts are restless until they rest in you

because your way is fair and your teachings are for our good.

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our ears that we may hear.

Open our hands that we may serve. Open our hearts that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.

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 18:1-8

Pew Bible 853

Cartoon Adaptation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECZvzD_2728

Animated

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

Dramatized

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

Storytelling

Making Things Right

Hymn

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Voices Together 679

Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gtd_gxul3Y

Sermon

What Courage Looks Like:

Kristin Van Tassel

Reflecting on a Summer of Justice

Hymn

Beauty for Brokenness

Voices Together 712

Graham Kendrick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kVHKuldZyw>

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God

Voices Together 653

Mennonite World Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41oR0YKDtew>

Benediction

Go from here, transformed by the love of God, persistent in your pursuit of justice.

Postlude

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Cindy Berry

Piano

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmyE_X2467c

A congregational meeting follows worship on Sunday, August 29.

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

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Sept. 5	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Sept. 23	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 3	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/22	Zoom 6 In-Person 23 Total 29	\$1,600.00	MCC School Kits \$160.00	\$1,760.00

Local Announcements

Seek and Ye Shall Find: Church mailboxes are now located in the cabinet along the east wall of the upstairs fellowship room. Additional items will be moved soon in anticipation of the sanctuary renovations. Let Pastor Christina know if you need help finding something important.

Church Pews: Contact Pete Smucker if you want any of our church pews. He will be listing them online in the next few weeks so get your request in now.

COVID Precautions: Due to the rise of COVID infections in Saline County, the church board recommends the wearing of masks while in the church building for worship and other group activities.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and joy for WDC staff members as they seek to encourage congregations and leaders in ministry.

Women's Retreat: Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is the main speaker on Re/Connecting with God and Each Other. 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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, are preparing to serve in Calais, France, with MMN. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources for them to join the team that offers shelter to African and Middle Eastern people who are seeking temporary refuge before entering the United Kingdom.

Mennonite Church USA: Join the denomination-wide “CommonRead.” Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books to equip the church during this time. This fall, the CommonRead book is “Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking About Faith” by Sara Wenger Shenk. Learn more here. www.commonread.org

Mennonite Church USA: Jeanne Davies, executive director of Anabaptist Disability Network, presented a seminar at MennoCon21, titled “Worship for All.” She offered attendees ideas on how to make worship services accessible to all people, including those with intellectual disabilities and autism. Read about her ideas here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/worship-for-all/>.

#BringThePeace: Dona Park is one of two women to receive the first Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) #BringThePeace award. MC USA News Editor Camille Dager interviewed Park about her experiences using art to build peace. Read a transcript of the interview here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/interview-dona-park>

#BeTransformed: In his blog, “Message from a friend,” Wil LaVeist, Mennonite Church USA’s chief communications officer, shares a touching story of transformation through personal hardship and a special feathered friend. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/message-from-friend>.

Menno Snapshots: Anna Groff of Dove’s Nest wrote, “Don’t bury the lead: Abuse in your congregation,” a blog in which she explains how Dove’s Nest can help prepare congregations to communicate effectively about abuse that has occurred within the church or by a church member. Read more about how to handle such a situation here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/abuse-congregation>.

Registration Open - Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering, Online: September 17-19, 2021: Mennonite Health Fellowship (MHF) is hosting its virtual Annual Gathering in September. All with an interest in healthcare from a faith perspective are welcome to attend, and all MHF members are encouraged to attend at least part of the weekend. Registration and information are on the MHF website at www.mennohealth.org. The theme for the weekend is Fostering Provider Resilience with a special 2-hour Introduction to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) in partnership with Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. MHF is open to those serving in all areas of healthcare, including mental health, public health, health administration, and more. Register today! We look forward to connecting with you!

Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Mennonite World Conference: May our hearts and souls be filled with patience and gentleness towards all the people working so hard to help ease our way out of this pandemic.