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## 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.*

*We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.*

### January 9, 2022

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### Welcome

#### Prelude

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. Mark Hayes

#### Gathering Prayer

Voices Together 859

*God of every place,*

*Some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence,  
mountains of gratitude and praise.*

*Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion.*

*And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.*

*When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground.*

*When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.*

*Meet us all on the path made by Jesus. Amen.*

#### Hymn

*Here in This Place*

Voices Together 10

#### Storytelling

*Put to the Test*

Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13

#### Hymn

*Jesus, Be the Center*

Voices Together 584

#### Sermon

*The Bible Tells Me So*

#### Hymn

*Lord, You Sometimes Speak*

Voices Together 537

#### Sharing the Table

#### Hymn

*Seed, Scattered and Sown*

Voices Together 477

#### Show and Tell

#### Joys and Concerns

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

#### Announcements

#### Sending Prayer

Voices Together 1065

*Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:*

*walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God;*

*walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High;*

*walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen*

#### Postlude

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Mark Hayes

### Christian Education

For Children – *Meet Jesus, the Messiah – On the Way with Jesus*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Participating in God's Reality* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 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	Jan. 16	Worship	10:00 am
Tuesday	Jan. 18	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 2?	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm

## Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/2	Zoom 18 In-Person 14 Total 32	\$1,1315.00		\$1,315.00

## Local Announcements

**The Salina Souperbowl of Hope:** We are collecting donations for the annual Souperbowl of Hope from now until February 13. This year's goal is 56,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK. \$25 will buy 60 cans of soup.

**My Coins Count:** We have begun our annual collection of money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world. Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

**COVID Precautions:** We encourage you to continue to care for your own health and the health of others by taking reasonable precautions.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.

**Medicare Webinar:** Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. Register at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Book Discussion:** You are invited to the WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion on January 27 at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will discuss *This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls* by Anna Woofender and explore what it means to explore "raw, honest, gritty way[s] of doing church." Contact the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) to register or borrow a copy of the book.

**Healing & Hope:** A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is faith-centered, hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton for those in the Central Kansas area, and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LSCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings are currently occurring via zoom. Please contact Audrey Ratzlaff at [aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or Pastor Laura Goerzen [laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org) if you have questions or would like to participate.

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Kate Widmer, serving with MMN, has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

**Mennonite Church USA:** This fall, the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board received two Schowalter Foundation charitable funding distributions, one to help fund denominational-level internships and one to fund an account to use for pastoral misconduct/abuse investigations. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/schowalter-foundation/>.