



*From Certainty
to Openness*

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.

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

Up from the Grave He Arose

arr. Wallace Hornibrook

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God –

Left Side: the generous,

Right Side: compassionate,

Left Side: grace-filled,

Right Side: inclusive,

Left Side: abundant,

Right Side: powerful,

Left Side: unsettling,

Right Side: way of God,

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open to the good news:
Christ is not here, for he is risen.

All: *Jesus Christ is risen indeed!*

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Voices Together 346

Storytelling

Lucia and Penny

Hymn

Low in the Grave He Lay

Voices Together 333

Scripture

Psalms 118:1, 14-24

Hymn

The Strife Is O'er

Voices Together 350

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

Voices Together 341

Sermon

From Certainty to Openness

Hymn

In Christ Alone

Voices Together 332

Sharing the Table

Invitation

Isaiah 25:6-9

Affirmation of Faith

Voices Together 922

Confession

Prayers for Bread and Cup

Voices Together 941 (adapted)

Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Voices Together 473

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Voices Together 359

Sending

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of openness. May you have the courage to step beyond certainty into the unsettling miracle of the resurrection. As you go, give thanks that the Resurrected One leads you toward God's way. Alleluia!

Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Cindy Berry

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming Disciples – Lent & Easter Stories*

- Puppet show during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday (**Will not meet on April 17**)

- Bible Study – *Disciples and Stewards* – In the basement
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 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

Wednesday	Apr. 20	Church Work Night	7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 21	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 24	Worship	10:00 am
Saturday	Apr. 30	Community-Wide Clean-Up Day	8:00 am
Wednesday	May 4	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
4/10	Zoom 5			
	In-Person 20	Rent \$200.00		
	Total 25	\$1,57.00		\$1,770.00

Local Announcements

My Coins Count: Our contribution to MCC through the My Coins Count jar was \$186.64.00. Thank you for your contributions. The jar remains on the back table. Let’s start collecting for next year!

Church Work Nights: On Wednesday nights at 7 pm starting April 20, we will be meeting at church for an hour of “service”, beginning with some garden work. All are welcome.

Community-Wide Clean-Up Day: Volunteers are needed at twelve worksites around Salina from 8:00 am until noon on Saturday, April 30. Let Pastor Christina know if you plan to participate. This would be a good occasion to wear your SMC t-shirt.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the good news of resurrection, and for WDC congregations as they bear witness to God’s gift of new life in Christ!

How Can We Help? On April 21, 7 pm the WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to learn the latest on how to support new migrants and refugees near you. Guest speakers will be Charity Stowell (MCC Newcomer Connections Coordinator) and Jen Rafter (International Rescue Committee Development Coordinator). To receive the Zoom link, please register by emailing wdc@mennowdc.org by April 20.

Save the date for Assembly! - July 29-31 WDC delegates, friends, and their families will gather at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. There will be lots of time for recreation for all ages, as well as sharing around tables about faith issues in our conference, congregations, and in our lives. Join us! More details coming soon.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join MMN’s partner organizations throughout the United States and in 47 countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus’ resurrection power and love to those you encounter. Pray that each of God’s children will be a faithful witness.

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](#).

Menno Snapshots: In her blog, "Hope and Growth in the Wilderness," Alysa Short writes, "I was reminded at Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 at AMBS that the wilderness is real. We cannot hide from it. We all encounter it. The road isn't always easy; it gets rough. But there is an expiration date." Read more of her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/hope-growth-wilderness

Menno Snapshots: Erick Josue Martinez shares that "The stories I tell, the moments I experience and the people I meet are not unique to just me. In Mennonite Church USA's 'Diversity: God's Design' curriculum, I shared different situations that made me feel uncomfortable and excluded." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/coexisting-not-enough

Menno Snapshots: In a recent blog, Mark Jantzen, a professor of history at Bethel College, wrote about the numerous connections between the Ukraine and Mennonite Church USA. He wrote the blog while on sabbatical and conducting research in Gdansk, Poland, where he observed the many Ukrainian refugees arriving in Poland. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/connections-ukraine-mc-usa

Mennonite World Conference: We mourn with our brothers and sisters in Myanmar who have been sheltering in forests or border regions for months after their towns and villages were destroyed by the military in the ongoing civil war. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights says Myanmar is "caught in a downward spiral of violence." Lord, no one is forgotten in your sight. Hear our cries for mercy. Be our strength and shield. Deliver us from great trouble.