



*From Power Over  
to Power With*

## 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

*We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.*

### Prelude

*Special Delivery*

arr. Carol McMillen

### Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God, a way so different from the ways of this world.

**People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp, to trust instead of control.**

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

**People: In worship we give of ourselves and we receive the disarming power of God.**

Leader: We cry:

**All: Blessed is the One who comes in the power of God's name.**

### Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Voices Together 313

### Storytelling

*Lucia and Penny*

### Hymn

*Jesus Is Coming*

Voices Together 312

### Scripture

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

### Hymn

*Gentle God, When We Are Driven*

Voices Together 150

### Scripture

*Luke 22:24-30*

### Hymn

*To Leave the Stones Unthrown*

Voices Together 580

*(Tune: This Is God's Wondrous World)*

(Voices Together 180)

### Sermon

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### Lenten Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,

for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for seeking power over others.**

**Let us instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly.

**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

### Hymn

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad*

Voices Together 303

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

### Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Voices Together 564

### Sending

*From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of empowerment. May you resist the temptation to hold power over others and learn to exercise power with others in love. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.*

## Christian Education

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

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

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Disciples and Stewards* – 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

Thursday	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday Virtual Service	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise/Breakfast @Stuckys’	7:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 10	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
Thursday	Apr. 21	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
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
4/3	Zoom 4 In-Person 19 Total 23	\$2,325.00		\$2,325.00

## Local Announcements

**Holy Week Schedule:** Make note of the events during Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday service in our building beginning at 7:00 pm on April 14 includes a snack of crackers, cheese, and bread and sharing communion together. The Good Friday service at 7:00 pm on April 15 will be on Zoom and will include participants from Mennonite churches in Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City. The outdoor Easter Sunrise service at Butch and Marla Stucky’s home at 7:00 am on April 17 will be followed by breakfast prepared by several members of SMC. Our 10:00 Easter Service will include communion. Zoom connections will be available for all services except the Easter Sunrise Service.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for all WDC congregations as we journey through this Holy Week, remembering Jesus’ death and recognizing his presence in places of suffering and grief in our communities and world today.

**Everence® April webinar: Social Security and retirement income:** Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Join MCC and Church World Service** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT on Tuesday, April 12 to learn more about the refugee resettlement process in the U.S., challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. Register here for this virtual learning event <https://bit.ly/3tPpTXh>

**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](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) by April 20.

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, traveled to Benin and Chad in preparation for a new ministry among Muslim and Christian believers. Pray for them as they complete their assignment at Paris (France) Mennonite Center and discern God's leading into their next ministry location.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN exists to equip and empower the church as we partner in God's mission around the globe. Thank you, Salina Mennonite Church, for your gift of \$595 in 2021! Your prayers, participation and generous support empower us to serve and collaborate with partners across the street and around the world, so that people may be transformed by Jesus Christ.

**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:** MC USA has launched a new curriculum entitled, *Diversity: God's Design*. This multi-media study calls young adults to celebrate their unique gifts and the intentional diversity of God's creation. The four-week curriculum uses biblical reflections to introduce the importance of intercultural competency as part of Christian growth and formation. Find it here: [mennoniteusa.org/diversity-gods-design/](http://mennoniteusa.org/diversity-gods-design/)

**Mennonite Church USA:** *Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022*, a joint conference of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and MChurch USA Faith Formation, looked to the Early Church for inspiration to lead with hope today during the Feb. 21–24 gathering. View the videos of the conference's plenary sessions here. [ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders](http://ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders)

**Menno Snapshots:** MC USA invites you to join Mennonite World Conference in offering a prayer for all Ukrainians, including our Mennonite siblings in Ukraine. Read the prayer here: [mennoniteusa.org/prayer-request-ukraine](http://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-request-ukraine)

**Menno Snapshots:** Sibonokuhle Ncube, a speaker who preached at the *Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 conference*, wants to congratulate church leaders on their direction and wisdom through this unprecedented and ongoing pandemic context! As the existential circumstance has raged on, the battle to bring equanimity between desperate demand for hands on deck and a constrained supply for super-powered leaders has raised the profile of church leaders. Read more from her blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/run-fight-endure](http://mennoniteusa.org/run-fight-endure)

**Menno Snapshots:** In his blog, "Repairing the Earth: A biblical call to peace giving," Everence's Beryl Jantzi writes, "We're all familiar with the concept of peacemaking. But have you considered peace giving? Looking back over Old Testament practices and Jewish history, we come across an ancient concept called 'tikkun olam' which means repairing the earth." Continue reading at: [mennoniteusa.org/repairing-earth-biblical-call](http://mennoniteusa.org/repairing-earth-biblical-call)

**Menno Snapshots:** Sue Park-Hur, denominational minister for Transformative Peacemaking for MC USA, shares stories of her experiences as an Asian American woman in her Los Angeles neighborhood. "As I was walking around the neighborhood this morning, I prayed. I asked God to give me an imagination where sidewalks and other public spaces can be a safe and shared place for everyone." Continue reading here: [mennoniteusa.org/sidewalk-stories](http://mennoniteusa.org/sidewalk-stories)

**Mennonite World Conference:** We pray that the shared desire to follow Jesus overcomes the political and social differences within congregations in Canada and the USA. Lord, make us faithful witnesses to our friends of all faith. May we speak boldly but humbly of the hope that is in Christ.