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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.

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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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Melody Bober

Call to Worship *Psalm 150, NRSV*

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Voices Together 88

Storytelling *All Together – Ephesians 2:12-22*

Hymn *We Are the Church*

Scripture *Nehemiah 2:17-18; 6:15-16; 8:1-12*

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Voices Together 103

Sermon *Building Projects: Let's Do It Together*

Music *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Cindy Berry

Litany of Dedication

Leader: Dear friends, now that we have completed our renovation project, let us dedicate this sanctuary and rejoice in its use.

To the glory of God, to the honor of Jesus Christ, to the praise of the Holy Spirit ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: For the ministry of the word, for the worship of God, for giving and receiving counsel, for participation in the ordinances of the church ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: For warning against sin, for calling to salvation, for proclaiming the reign of God ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: For comfort to those who mourn, for help to those who are tempted,

for strength to those who are weak, for celebration with those who are joyful ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: For studying the scriptures, for discerning God's will, for passing on the faith ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: With gratitude for all who labored here,
in loving remembrance of those who helped to make this possible,
with hope for all who will worship here ...

People: We dedicate this sanctuary.

Leader: For God's indwelling and empowering ...

People: We dedicate ourselves.

ALL: Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ Amen

Minister's Manual, p. 140 (adapted with additions from the *UMC Book of Worship*)
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Song *Praise God* **Voices Together 70**

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

Sending Words **Voices Together 1063**

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord!"

People: "Amen! Praise the Lord"

Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* **Voices Together 847**

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship. Everyone is welcome to stay and eat together.

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming Disciples – Letters to the Churches*

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

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- 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	May 18	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	May 22	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	May 26	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	June 5	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/8	Zoom 3 In-Person 16 Total 19	Rent \$200.00 \$900.00	Project Salina \$250.00	\$1,350.00

Local Announcements

MC USA Special Assembly Resolutions: Response forms were emailed to you last week and are also available on the back table. Please return them to Pastor Christina by Sunday, May 22.

Project Salina: We are collecting money for Project Salina during the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House and DVACK. Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Backyard Cookout: Kick off the summer by coming to our backyard cookout on Sunday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to come with you. Meat, buns, table service, and drinks are provided. Bring side dishes or desserts.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our conference gathering July 29-31 at Camp Copass in Texas.

Andover Tornado Response: The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit is responding to the recent Andover tornado. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cleo Koop, Kansas Unit Chair at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797.

2022 WDC Annual Assembly: Join us in-person or virtually for the 2022 Western District Conference Annual Assembly July 29-31 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Friday evening we will bear a broader conference perspective on being God's people "United in Purpose, Together in Love" by Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. Sunday morning the Pastor of Family, San Antonio Mennonite Church, Dianne Garcia, will share how they have come together to love God and care for their neighbors as they minister among immigrants who pass through their community. Assembly registration will open soon.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: May 15 MMN's Service Adventure participants are in the final months of living in their unit houses and working in their volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to the relationships they built in their hosting community and find ways to implement what they learned as they move into their future.

Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26 at 7 pm CDT. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. [Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits](https://mcc.org/virtual-visits).

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 unveiled a new shareable video titled "We are better together." The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. Watch it here: mennoniteusa.org/better-together

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has announced the worship speakers, led by Dr. Samuel Sarpiya, for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, in Kansas City Missouri. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/worship-special-session

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has created a new role focused on racial/ethnic engagement and announced several other staff transitions. Sue Park-Hur, the newly appointed director of racial/ethnic engagement, will work with the various racial/ethnic entities within MC USA, support the program agencies in this work and help denominational leaders to define diversity, equity and inclusion goals, standards and desired outcomes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/new-position-transitions

Menno Snapshots: Abby Endashaw encourages all individuals and communities within the Christian tradition to utilize the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment to engage effectively and appropriately with people who are different than ourselves. This concept is part of the new curriculum from Mennonite Church USA called Diversity: God's Design. Read Abby's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/cultural-reflection-growth

Menno Snapshots: "Grief has a way of sneaking up on us." When Ben Wideman set out to produce a podcast episode about the life and legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp for the MennoMedia ~ing podcast series, his emotions triggered other difficult memories as well. Read more about his experience with carrying grief here: mennoniteusa.org/we-carry-grief

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the churches and servants of God to be protected from persecution in India. Submitted by Vipin Chandra Bansiar

MWC Assembly participants on-site nearly doubled: The Indonesian Assembly just got a little bit larger. The National Advisory Committee for Assembly 17 and the executive committee of MWC have decided to raise attendance numbers for the gathering in Indonesia to 1250. For more information follow this link to Mennonite World Conference Website: <https://mwc-cmm.org/stories/assembly-participants-site-nearly-doubled>. Here is the link to the Registration Form and Information: <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/summary>. Please let the WDC office know if you plan on attending in person or virtually. wdc@mennowdc.org