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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.*

**July 17, 2022**

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### Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Prelude** *How Great Thou Art*

arr. Jerry Ray

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 130)*

Leader: We gather in this place to seek God.

Sometimes we seek God when we are happy and joyful and our hearts are light.

Sometimes we seek God when we are sad and discouraged and our hearts are heavy.

**People: God knows and cares about all our thoughts and feelings.**

Leader: We cry out to God, knowing that God will hear our voice.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: There are times when we feel we are waiting for God.

We are waiting for answers to prayer, waiting for direction or guidance,  
waiting for something new.

**People: God is with us when we wait.**

Leader: We know that God has steadfast love for us.

God is great and powerful and able to redeem us.

**People: Therefore, we have hope.**

Leader: Today our hearts may be light or heavy, and yet we can bring all that we are to God.

**People: We wait for God. We trust God. We seek God together.**

**Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Voices Together 98

**Prayer**

**Readers Theater** *Adapted from the Book of Job*

**Storytelling** *We can tell God when we are sad or hurting*

**Hymn** *Oceans*

Voices Together 456

**Sermon** *Crying Out*

**Hymn** *When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On*

Voices Together 612

**Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** *Longing for Light*

Voices Together 715

**Announcements**

**Hymn** *Oh Lord My God/How Great Thou Art*

Voices Together 436

**Sending Words**

Leader: Our time together has come to an end. We have seen God.

Wherever you go this week, look up and see God above you.

**People: We look up and see God above us!**

Leader: Go and see God.

**Third Sunday Potluck** follows worship. Everyone is welcome whether or not you brought food to share.

## Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Seeking God Together*

- Intergenerational activities at 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room
- Story during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Seeking the Peace of Christ* – In the basement

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday	July 20	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	July 24	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	July 28	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 3	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Sunday	August 28	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

### Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

### Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/10	Zoom 11 In-Person 27 Total 38	Rent \$200.00 \$1,588.00	Special Needs Fund \$745.00	\$2,533.00

### Local Announcements

**School Supplies:** As usual, we will be collecting school kits in August. MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti. Now is a good time to begin stocking up on school supplies. Contents (NEW items only):

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (We have a supply of these.)

### Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the gifts shared by elected leaders in WDC as they conclude another year of service on the WDC Executive Board, Commissions and Gifts Discernment Committee at the end of July.

**WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion July 28:** When a near-fatal illness led his doctors to prescribe narcotics, Timothy McMahan King ended up as millions of others have: addicted. Join us in reading and discussing King's book *Addiction Nation* which "nudges us toward healing from the ravages of addiction and draws us toward a spirituality studied enough to sate our deepest longings." Discussion: July 28, @ 7:00pm via Zoom. Register: email the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**July 26 MCC webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers** - When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families’ ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.

**Fall Book Study on *Healing Haunted Histories*** - Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 2022 - Elaine Enns, co-author of [\*Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization\*](#), will be leading an online, intensive book study this fall for the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. Two-hour sessions will be every other Thursday, 6-8 pm Central Time, on Sept 8 and 22, Oct 6 and 20, Nov 3 and 17, and Dec 1. This book encourages personal and collective work toward decolonization. It asks those of us who are settlers, immigrants and displaced peoples to do our own pre-work of integrating our ancestral stories, so we can see more clearly and show up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples. There is a suggested donation of \$150-\$250 for the online book study. [Register here](#) by August 1.

Note to Western District Conference members: You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and register for the Healing Haunted Histories book study! If you do so, please inform the WDC office at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300. This will allow us to facilitate networking between WDC participants, and plan for further engagement with Elaine Enns within the WDC context, as follow-up to the book study. If you seek some financial support to help meet expenses for the book study, please inform WDC. Requests for assistance will be considered by the WDC Resource Commission at their next meeting in September.

### **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN's Youth Venture program is leading a nine-day immigration and borderlands learning tour in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the 15 participants as they come face-to-face with injustice and racism in many forms.

**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 is seeking applicants for its Justice Fund grants. The Justice Fund supports MC USA congregations that are working to combat poverty, dismantle racism, address immigration reform or reimagine policing. For more information: [mennoniteusa.org/seek-applicants-justice-fund](https://mennoniteusa.org/seek-applicants-justice-fund).

**#BeTransformed:** Gun violence continues to plague our country. Read how Mike Martin has taken steps to combat gun violence through RAWtools, Inc., a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, in his blog, "Guns to garden tools." [mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools](https://mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools)

**Menno Snapshots:** Steve Chun reflects on how Kkaenip, or perilla, a plant used in traditional Korean cuisine, helps him and other Korean Americans maintain a sense of identity, despite living away from their ancestral land. Read his Menno Snapshots blog, "Flavors of resilience," here: [mennoniteusa.org/flavors-of-resilience](https://mennoniteusa.org/flavors-of-resilience)

**Menno Snapshots:** Lynda Hollinger-Janzen of MMN rides her bicycle to work every day. It provides her with an opportunity for exercise, allows her to reduce her impact on the environment and it creates space for her to spend time with God. Read more about the benefits of biking in her Menno Snapshots blog, "I bike for world peace, personal shalom — and because I love biking." [mennoniteusa.org/i-bike-for](https://mennoniteusa.org/i-bike-for)

**Mennonite World Conference:** May we help each other in our task of witnessing to God's grace by serving others, caring for creation, resisting conformation to the powers of evil, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.