



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 *How Firm a Foundation*

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our ears
Leader: Open our eyes
Leader: Open our arms
Leader: Open our minds
Leader: Open our hearts

People: to hear your word.
People: to see your presence.
People: to the embrace of community.
People: to the beauty of truth.
People: to the joy of new life.

Voices Together 866

Hymn *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Voices Together 29

Prayer

Readers Theater *Nehemiah 8*

Storytelling *We are guided by God's word*

Hymn *Thy Word*

Voices Together 398

Reflection *Studying the Word*

Response *Lectio Divina – Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story*

Voices Together 761

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

Voices Together 592

Announcements

Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Voices Together 716

Sending Words *Colossians 3:15-17*

Voices Together 818

Leader: Let your hearts be ruled by the peace of Christ,

People: by which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

People: teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Leader: Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God our Creator through Christ.

Postlude *I Love to Tell the Story/God Will Take Care of You*

arr. Mick Leffler

Lectio Divina or “Divine Reading”

In many parts of the Church, *Lectio Divina* is a treasured way to engage scripture. It’s not so much studying scripture to gain knowledge as it is praying with scripture and allowing the Holy Spirit to offer us insights when we take time with God’s word. *Lectio Divina* can be done in a group or by yourself. *Lectio Divina* has several steps to allow us to move slowly toward a deeper, calmer place where we can listen for the Spirit.

Here are the steps:

Prepare in Silence - Make space for God through silence and breathing calmly. Become aware of God’s presence as your mind and body relaxes. You may want to try taking five deep, calming breathes. As you breathe in pray, “Come, Holy Spirit.” As you breathe out pray, “Help me release anything that hinders this time with You.”

Read (Lectio) – Read the passage slowly out loud. Listen for which words “sparkle.” Which ones stand out for you today? Which words or images is the Spirit drawing you toward today? If it’s a story with several characters, which character do you feel drawn to now?

Reflect or Meditate – Sit with the word or phrase that has stood out for you. Reread the passage again slowly aloud. Imagine yourself in the story, hearing these words for the first time. Imagine others hearing this scripture for the very first time. What are they struggling with? What are they excited about? What are they thinking about as they hear these new words? What does this text say to you today?

Pray – Allow the scripture to lead you into a prayer response. Talk to God about what has come to mind today. Pray about how God might be inviting you to respond.

Contemplate – Rest in the awareness of God’s presence. Remain open to anything else the Holy Spirit might stir in you. If your mind wanders, gently redirect your thoughts toward God. Be still for a little while before re-entering your day.

This is appropriate for the time you have to give to it—anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour.

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	August 17	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	August 21	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	August 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Sept. 1	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept. 7	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

Out of the office August 15-29.

Contact Pete Smucker, Vera Zerger, or Kristin Van Tassel with questions or requests.

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/7	Zoom 14 In-Person 19 Total 33	Rent \$250.00 \$3,775.00		\$4,025.00

Local Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Due to scheduling difficulties, the church board has cancelled the August 28 congregational meeting. Activity reports, financial reports, and proposed constitutional amendments will be emailed to you early in September. Contact Pete Smucker, Vera Zerger, or Kristin Van Tassel with any questions.

Service Project for August: We are collecting MCC School Kits. Bring items to church by August 28. Several people are making bags to put the supplies in. **Content lists are on the back table.**

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: As a new school begins, pray for wisdom for Sunday school coordinators, teachers, youth sponsors and mentors who guide faith formation for children, youth and adults in WDC congregations.

Women and Girls Retreat: Western District Women in Mission Retreat Committee has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 & 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: Women's Voices. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be any separate programming for them. The Retreat Brochure and Registration Form were emailed to you on Thursday. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Naomi Leary, MMN's regional co-administrator for North America, as she praises God for renewed vigor in service programs across eight locations in the United States. After two years of decreased participation, due to the pandemic, the number of participants has doubled since last year. Pray for the 16 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and the 19 Service Adventure participants — 12 youth and seven unit leaders.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA is now offering a wide variety of MennoCon21 resources, including the evening sermons, seminars and Bible studies, for free on the MC USA website and YouTube channel. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resources-menncon21

Mennonite Church USA: Anabaptist Disabilities Network, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), has created a study guide to help congregations understand and implement ideas from the recently passed "Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution." It includes study materials, reflection questions and information for instructional use intended for use over four weeks. Learn more here: <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Resources/Pages/Accessibility-Resolution-Study-Guide.aspx>

Menno Snapshots: Talking about money in church can be daunting, but it doesn't have to be! In his blog, "Mini money messages," Beryl Jantzi of Everence encourages church leaders to talk about money in simple, bite-sized pieces. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/mini-money-messages

Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY: In our churches, do we think about those with disabilities as full and useful members of our communities, or are their gifts and needs an afterthought? Katie Mansfield of Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding explores how our churches might put more of an emphasis on inclusion and "consider disability as a first thought" in her blog, "How do we recognize wholeness?" Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/recognize-wholeness

Mennonite World Conference: We pray that Christians would seek the unity of the Spirit, showing grace and forbearance in a politically divided culture.