



## 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.*

**September 11, 2022**

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### Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Prelude** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. John Carter

### Gathering Words

Leader: In the beginning,  
before time, before people, before the world began,

**ALL: God was.**

Leader: Here and now,  
among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

**ALL: God is.**

Leader: In all that is to come,  
when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

**ALL: God will be.**

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: God was, God is, God will be.**

**Hymn** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Voices Together 428

**Storytelling** *God Our Helper – Psalm 121*

**Hymn** *At the Dawn of Your Creation*

Voices Together 179

**Scripture** *Genesis 6:5-8; 7:6-10; 8:6-11; 9:8-17*

**Sermon** *Water Stories*

**Hymn** *O Healing River*

Voices Together 706

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

**Offering Hymn** *God of the Fertile Fields*

Voices Together 750

### Sending Words

Voices Together 1059

**Postlude** *Like a River Glorious*

arr. John Carter

## Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Fall of a Kingdom: Calling on God (Psalms)*

- 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 – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Sept. 14	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	Sept. 18	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Sept. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Sept. 29	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Friday	Sept. 30	Game Night	7:30 pm

## 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
9/4	Zoom 10 <u>In-Person 22</u> Total 32	Rent \$200.00 \$3,910.00		\$4,110.00

## Local Announcements

**Third Sunday Potluck:** A potluck meal follows worship next Sunday, September 18. Everyone is welcome whether or not you bring food to share.

**Game Night:** Barb Kathrineberg is hosting a game night beginning at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 30. Bring games and snacks to share.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for interim and transitional pastors, as they give leadership to congregations in times of change and new vision for the future.

**Western District Conference:** It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Dave Stevens, WDC pastor of Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS. He passed away early Sunday morning Sept. 4 following injuries from an accident on Saturday morning. Please join us in offering thoughts and prayers for Dave's family and the whole Hope Mennonite Church community during this time. WDC staff will continue to walk with the family, congregation and leaders as they plan next steps.

**First Mennonite Church of McPherson, KS** is celebrating 75 years of church life on Sunday morning, September 25, at 9:30 at the church. From building a church by 38 charter members in 1945 and after a fire building another in 1963, God has been leading these people. These Mennonites are known for helping others through mission projects like school kits, building an Oak Harbor Cottage for homeless, establishing the ReUse It Center, working at the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale in Hutchinson each year to provide funding for overseas needs, meat canning to alleviate food crises, and providing a blessing box of food at the church for whoever needs it. God has blessed.

**September Final Thursday Book Discussion:** "Jesus ministered to the poor, Jesus was poor. If both are true of our Savior, both can be true of us too." Explore this idea in Kevin Wiebe's book "Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You're One of Them." Copies available at the WDC Resource Library. Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7pm. Register by emailing the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for *La Casa Grande* (The Large House), a Christian community for children in Benin who have nowhere else to go. Pray for the children and teachers as they return to classes at *Les Leaders* (The Leaders), a school on *La Casa Grande's* campus that also welcomes children from the neighboring communities.

**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:** Mennonite World Conference (MWC) affirmed the appointment of Linda Dibble, the MC USA moderator, as one of the two North American representatives on the MWC Executive Committee and Sue Park-Hur, MC USA director of racial/ethnic engagement, to the MWC Deacon Commission. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-meets](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-meets)

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA invites you to engage with "Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration," an initiative that examines the injustices in our criminal legal system that cause pain and suffering, especially for poor people and people of color. During September and October, MC USA will offer resources, prayers and ways to live into our Anabaptist faith values, resisting injustice in all forms and in all places. [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-mass-incarceration](http://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-mass-incarceration)

**Menno Snapshots:** While at Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Indonesia, Sue Park-Hur, MCh USA's director of racial/ethnic engagement, was moved by Dr. Paulus Widjaja's message, which she shares in abridged form in her blog, "Embracing the global church." Read about how Dr. Widjaja reminds us not to fear and, rather, to be vulnerable in our diversity: [mennoniteusa.org/embracing-global-church](http://mennoniteusa.org/embracing-global-church)

**#MennoCon23:** MennoCon23 is less than a year away! Watch the newest video in the MC USA Q&As series, "What is #MennoCon23?" to find out! [mennoniteusa.org/qa-mennocon21](http://mennoniteusa.org/qa-mennocon21)

**Mennonite World Conference:** We pray for the churches and servants of God to be protected from persecution in India.