

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.



Welcome

Salina Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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## Seeking Peace Together

### Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Melody Bober

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "Do not worry about your life."

**People: And so we come to worship.**

Leader: Jesus asks, "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?"

**People: And so we come to worship.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Look at the birds of the air ... consider the lilies of the field."

**People: And so we come to worship.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God."

**People: And so we gather, now, to worship.**

Hymn

*Jesus, Be the Center*

Voices Together 584

Scripture

*Matthew 6:25-34*

Storytelling

Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Voices Together 419

Sermon

*Letting Go of Worry*

Hymn

*What Can I Leave Behind*

Voices Together 154

Sharing the Table

Interlude

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Cindy Berry

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Hymn

*Beauty for Brokenness*

Voices Together 712

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

*My Hope Is Built*

Voices Together 621

The Lord's Prayer/Benediction

(from Matthew 11:28-30)

*As we leave this time of worship, let us carry these words from Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Friends, whatever the week ahead brings, may you walk with Jesus and know rest for your souls. Amen.*

**Today's worship includes communion.** Everyone who chooses to follow God's ways is welcome to participate. Those joining Zoom can prepare their own bread and juice. As part of sharing the table, we have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

**A graveside service for Penny Mattson and Mary Mattson Rogers** is immediately after worship at Gypsum Hill Cemetery (section 13 near the mausoleum in the northwest corner of the cemetery). After that, return to the church for a meal in the fellowship room.

## Christian Education

For Children – *Seeking Peace Together*

- Activities to do at home
- Intergenerational class Sunday morning in fellowship room

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Reading Scripture with Discernment* – In the basement
- Intergenerational Class – *Seeking Peace Together* – In the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	July 5	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	July 9	Sunday Worship with Communion	10:00 am
Wednesday	July 12	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	July 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Tuesday	July 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm

## Pastor Christina's Office Hours

Out of the office July 3-8 Available some of the time by text, phone, or email

## Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
6/25	Zoom 4 In-Person 28 Total 32	\$650.00		\$650.00

## Local Announcements

**Pastor Christina Litwiller** is attending MennoCon23 this coming week and will serve as our delegate at the delegate assembly. Lori Schmidt will also be attending MennoCon23.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for delegates and other adults, youth and children from WDC attending MennoCon23 in Kansas City this week, as they join in fellowship, learning and discernment together with others from Mennonite Church USA.

**WDC delegates to MennoCon23:** The WDC Executive Board appointed eight individuals to serve as WDC's delegates to the MC USA assembly this week: youth delegate Peter Buller; executive board member Aurora Parchmont; commission members Karen Mascho, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, and Debbie Goossen; and staff members Heidi Regier Kreider, Sondra Montes-Martinez, and Kathy Neufeld Dunn.

**Staff Position Opening:** Western District Conference seeks a quarter-time Fund Development Coordinator beginning July 2023 to cultivate donor relationships and congregational giving, promote planned giving, and generate creative fundraising initiatives. Qualifications include communication, fundraising and development skills. Description and application form at <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>. Please submit application and letter of interest to [heidirk@mennowdc.org](mailto:heidirk@mennowdc.org).

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mennonites in the USA:** Remember the old days with agriculture. Glen Goering and his Ag Committee have invited horse and plow owners to show how plowing was done, on Saturday, July 15, at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00. Concessions will be available from Gospel Mennonite. A tent is available for shade. Bring a lawn chair. The Museum will be open.

**Camp Mennoscah:** Get ready for a celebration of a summer of faith formation and camp songs! The Camp Sing will be August 5 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages, campers and others – everyone is invited! Put it on your calendar so you don't miss out. More announcements: [Camp Mennoscah - Wow! Thanks! \(Camp is going great!\)](#)

**First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson** invites you to a Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery Movie Showing & Book Signing with Mark Charles on Saturday, July 8th @6:30pm at the church. The film, *The Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes*, explores the work of local landowners, volunteers and municipal government of Herschel, Saskatchewan, in protecting and conserving the many signs of historic Indigenous presence in the region. The book, *Unsettling Truths*, by author Mark Charles, is a prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, that reveals the far-reaching, damaging effects of the Doctrine of Discovery. Stay after the film showing for a panel with Mark Charles and Jonathan Neufeld. FMC Hutchinson is located at 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

**WDC Annual Assembly:** Registration for the WDC Annual Assembly, August 11-13, at Tabor Mennonite Church is now open. Pastor Christina Litwiller and Pete Smucker are the delegates from our congregation. Others are welcome to participate in worship and faith formation. For more info, visit: <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

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

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for all those traveling to MennoCon, the four-day MC USA convention in Kansas City that begins tomorrow. Pray for Mission Network staff and partners as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church's response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.

**#MennoCon 23:** Follow along with the day-to-day excitement of MennoCon23, the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit and the Delegate Assembly by subscribing to MC USA's daily email convention newsletter, the KC Sauce, here: [mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce](http://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce) View the online version here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce/](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce/)

**#MennoCon 23:** MC USA has released the seminar lineup for MennoCon23, the denominational convention being held in Kansas City July 3-6. Alongside daily worship services, seminars make up the bulk of the convention's faith formation programming, with three seminar timeslots scheduled each full day of the event. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-seminar](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-seminar).