

*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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**July 9, 2023**

**Seeking Peace Together**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

**People: Again we say, rejoice!**

Leader: Rejoice in God's continual presence.

**People: Again we say, rejoice!**

Leader: Rejoice in the Creator's wonderful works.

**People: Again we say, rejoice!**

Leader: Rejoice in God's peace that surpasses all understanding.

**People: Again we say, rejoice!**

Leader: Let us sing praises to God as we worship together.

**People: Again we say, rejoice!**

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

**Scripture** *Philippians 4:4-9*

**Hymn** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Voices Together 118

**Storytelling**

**Hymn** *Be My Light, Lord*

**Sermon** *How We Know What is Lovely and True* Melanie Springer Mock

**Hymn** *Quietly, Peacefully* Voices Together 553

**Community Life – Sharing & Prayer**

**Hymn** *Joys Are Flowing like a River* Voices Together 375

**Community Life – Announcements**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

*May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Now and always. Amen.*

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

**We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker.** Melanie Springer Mock teaches English at George Fox University. She is the author of *Finding Our Way Forward: When the Children We Love Become Adults* published by Herald Press.

## 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 12	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Wednesday	July 12	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	July 16	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
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

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

## Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
7/2	Zoom 23 In-Person 27 Total 30	\$3,480.31	Special Needs Fund \$125.00	\$3,605.31

## Local Announcements

**School Supplies:** Get ready to stock up on notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, and colored pencils. We plan to participate in the MCC School Kit Challenge in August. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can’t get the education they desperately need. MCC’s School Kit Challenge is 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. To learn more, visit [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek nominees for elected roles in WDC, and give thanks for those who are called to leadership in our conference.

**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! \(Camp is going great!\)](#)

**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 Matthew and Toni Krabill's ministry at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they work with others to launch a master's degree program in conflict transformation that will be housed at Abidjan University of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Ivory Coast.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Each April, the Mennonite Church USA Church Vitality office and Everence collaborate to update the Pastor Salary Guidelines. These guidelines aid pastors, congregations, pastoral search committees and conferences in negotiating fair compensation for pastors and conference ministers. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/pastor-salary-guidelines](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/pastor-salary-guidelines).

**Mennonite Church USA:** In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Andi Santoso, Mennonite Mission Network's regional director for Asia and the Middle East, reflects on his experience as an Asian Mennonite Ministries representative at the MC USA Constituency Leaders Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/together-on-lords-table](http://mennoniteusa.org/together-on-lords-table)

**Mennonite Church USA:** As part of MC USA's "I choose to be Mennonite because ..." blog series, Roger Farmer, retired pastor of Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, shares his experience of becoming a Mennonite through a life altering encounter with God and his calling to be a Conscientious Objector during the Vietnam war. Read his story here: [mennoniteusa.org/god-knew-who-i-was](http://mennoniteusa.org/god-knew-who-i-was).

**Menno Snapshots:** In celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, Katerina Gea, pastor at Wild Church Fresno (California), an MC USA congregation, celebrates the ways that the Spirit moves and highlights the connection between the Spirit's outpouring on all of creation. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/pentecost-and-spirits](http://mennoniteusa.org/pentecost-and-spirits).

## BE MY LIGHT, LORD

Christopher Walker and Paule Freeburg, DC

Leader then All



Be my light, Lord, be my guide. Show me your way and  
lead me ev - ery day, Lord. Be my light, Lord, be my light.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics continue below the notes.

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Verse 2: Be my peace, Lord, be my guide.

Verse 3: Be my strength, Lord, be my guide.

Verse 4: Be my joy, Lord, be my guide.