



## 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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### Lighting the Peace Lamp

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	<i>arr. Jerry Ray</i>
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Voices Together 857
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Voices Together 495
<b>Storytelling</b>	<i>On Mount Sinai – Exodus 19:1-20:21; Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Love the Lord Your God</i>	Voices Together 288
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Living Rightly</i>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>O God, We Read the Holy Law</i>	Voices Together 571
<b>Community Life – Sharing &amp; Prayer</b>		
<b>Interlude</b>	<i>When We Walk with the Lord</i>	Voices Together 570
<b>Community Life – Announcements</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song</i>	Voices Together 581
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>		Voices Together 818

One: Let your hearts be ruled by the peace of Christ,  
**Many: to which indeed you were called in one body.**  
**And be thankful.**

One: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
**Many: teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,**  
**singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**  
**with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

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

## Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming a People of God*

- Activities to do at home.

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Sustaining Presence and Provision* – In the basement
- Bible Study – *Becoming a People of God* – In the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	October 18	Service Hour at the Church	6:30 pm
Thursday	October 19	Church Board at Zerger's	7:00 pm
Sunday	October 22	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Saturday	December 9	Drop (your kids) & Shop	10am to 2pm
Sunday	November 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am

## 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
10/8	Zoom 9 Church 24 Total 33	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** – Pray for WDC congregations as they nurture followers of Christ through faith formation, preparation for baptism and church membership, and ongoing discipleship and service.

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**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, Ecuador is holding run-off presidential elections. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for peace, as the country has been experiencing increasing violence. In August, an anti-corruption candidate, Fernando Villavicencio, was killed at a campaign event, and nine others were injured.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with requests from the schools, is found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff has named Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler as the new climate justice coordinator. She began the half-time position on September 5, 2023, working remotely as part of MC USA's Transformative Peacemaking department.

Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/stoltzfus-climate](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/stoltzfus-climate)

**Mennonite Church USA:** David Maldonado, who works both as a pastor of College Mennonite Church and a construction worker, shares what life is like in bivocational ministry and why someone might choose that path, in his interview with Adriana Celis of MenoTicias.

Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/bivocational-call-service](https://mennoniteusa.org/bivocational-call-service)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for leaders in Kenya to embrace tolerance and peace come what may for the growth and development of the nation. —*submitted by Samson Omondi, Kenya Mennonite Church*

## **WDC-STORIES**      **Seeking Peace in Israel-Palestine**

As people committed to nonviolence, MennoPIN and the Israel Palestine Task Force of Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) strongly condemn the current violence carried out both by Hamas and by the Israeli military. MennoPIN and the WDC Israel Palestine Task Force urge an immediate ceasefire between Hamas and Israel and call on the United States and the wider international community to support a diplomatic solution to the situation at hand.

MennoPIN and the Israel Palestine Task Force likewise recognize that the Hamas attack was not unprovoked. For decades the people of Palestine have been oppressed by the violence and occupation of Israel's form of apartheid that includes home demolitions, child detentions, separation walls, settler colonialism and violence, seizures of land and controls over water and food supplies. And Gaza has been an open-air prison where Israel controls how much water, electricity and food Gazans can have. The extreme measures taken by the recent Netanyahu ultra-right government have made life increasingly hostile for Palestinians. The praxis of U.S. one-sided and national interest driven diplomacy and unwillingness to effectively address the apartheid reality have contributed deeply to these extreme measures. Additionally, the Biden administration's attempts to normalize diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel have become the final straw for the militant Palestinian resistance. Ultimately, hopelessness breeds violence.

We pray for leadership that has the courage to address the problems, injustices and racism that perpetuates this violence. We especially pray for wisdom and restraint between Hamas and the Israeli government.

Posted on October 10, 2023 -WDC Israel Palestine Task Force

## **MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict –**

As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](https://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel).