



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

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

Psalms 98:4-9

North Side: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**South Side: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

North Side: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

**South Side: Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.**

North Side: Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

**South Side: He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Voices Together 103

Storytelling

Thank You, Omu! By: Oge Mora

Hymn

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Songsheet

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Hymn

O Sing to the Lord (5 English Verses)

Voices Together 113

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Interlude

Joy to the World

arr. John Ness Beck

Community Life – Announcements

The Lord's Prayer**Benediction**

We welcome and thank our guest speaker. Ralph Jarboe began pastoring in 1969 and served in 20 United Methodist churches until fully retiring in June 2023. He coordinated the meals for Circles of the Heartland during its entire existence as an organization. Ralph and his wife Marie have been married for 52 years.

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 25	Service Hour at the Church	6:30 pm
Sunday	October 29	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	November 1	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Thursday	November 16	Church Board at Zergers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	November 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Saturday	December 9	Drop (your kids) & Shop	10am to 2pm

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
10/15	Zoom 8 Church 19 Total 27	\$310.00		\$310.00

Local Announcements

Anabaptist World - Our annual group subscription to *Anabaptist World* is up for renewal. The yearly discounted rate is \$39. Any changes or additions need to be made by the end of November. The current list is on the back table. Please make any additions or subtractions or changes to the form or email Carolyn – salinamenonite@gmail.com

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Pray for WDC staff as they help to carry out WDC’s work of supporting ministers and other leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing emerging communities of faith.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Everence® to hold Nov. 6 Medicaid and long-term care workshop - Everence will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop on Monday, Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, what benefits are provided by Medicaid and who is eligible, how the Division of Assets process works, when long-term care insurance is a good fit, and how long-term care insurance can protect your heirs. There will also be time for your questions. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by guest speaker, Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God’s Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment, and decision making for the coming year.

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 has named two peacemakers, Jonathan Kuttab and Sydney Leah Bontrager, as the 2023 Bring the Peace award winners. The denomination gives the award to a Legacy Peacemaker and a Young Peacemaker each year. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/23-btp-winners

Mennonite Church USA: Sydney Leah Bontrager, Mennonite Church USA’s 2023 Bring the Peace award recipient, describes how God has impacted her through her work raising funds to provide relief to Myanmar villages and a Myanmar orphanage. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/interview-bontrager

Mennonite World Conference: We ask churches and individuals to pray that the violence in the Holy Land will end, and that conciliation can begin.

Pray for the hostages to return safely to their homes and families.

Pray for those who mourn to be surrounded by loved ones as they grieve.

And pray that peace workers, negotiators and government staff will put people’s lives and human dignity above political or military gains.

Although this conflict has been going on for decades, let us unite in asking our God to have mercy on Israel and Palestine, and for a just, peaceful, and sustainable resolution to this crisis.

[Click here to read the full pastoral letter.](#)

<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/pastoral-letter-peace-holy-land>

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 or call 1-888-563-4676.

Rejoice in the Lord Always 650

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rejoice in the Lord Always'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Re-joyce in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce!'. The score includes first and second endings for the first system and third and fourth endings for the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.