



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.

Lent 1
March 9, 2025

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Annelle Claassen

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

One: Christ collides with our bias. Who will follow Christ?

**Many: We will follow for sure,
but we will tell you where to bring down your fire.**

One: Jesus says, "Follow me."

Many: We will follow when our calculations are finished.

One: Christ collides with our leanings.

**Many: For your reign, O God,
help us put a hand on your plow and not look back.**

All: Guide us as we worship you.

Hymn

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Voices Together 29

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Hymn

Let Us Build House

Voices Together 36

Confession and Words of Assurance

*All: Loving and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you.*

North: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**South: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

North: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**South: We cling to our assumptions
and insist that our point of view is the correct one.**

*All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.
Please help us open our hearts to your love.*

*Help us shake free from our biases and assumptions
So we may better share your peace in your world,
rejoicing in your name. Amen.*

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance:

God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn *Kyrie eleison* (4X) Voices Together 297

Scripture *Luke 10:25-42*

Sermon *Christ Collides with Our Bias* Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Hymn *How Can We Be Silent* Voices Together 790

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Interlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Cindy Berry

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* Voices Together 568

The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

Benediction

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Salt and Light Study* – In the basement
- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday | March 16 | Sunday Worship – Lent 2 | 10am |
| Sunday | March 16 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:20am |
| Wednesday | March 19 | Church Board | 5:30pm |
| Sunday | March 23 | Sunday Worship – Lent 3 | 10am |

Upcoming Worship Schedule

| 2025 | Speaker | Worship Leader | Storytelling | Zoom PowerPoint | Greeter | Music |
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| March 16 | Tammy Duvanel Unruh | Lynn Newcomer | Carolyn Funk | Pete Smucker | Sherry Krehbiel | Donna Burnett |

Worship Totals

| 2025 | Attendance | | Unified Budget | Other | Offering Total |
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| | Zoom 0 Church 25 | | | | |
| 3/2 | Total 25 | | \$605.50 | | \$605.50 |

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During March, if you have need of pastoral care of any kind, Pete Smucker is the person to contact. His phone number is 785-201-5075.

Carolyn's Hours: I will be working Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings at Church.

MCC My Coins Count: We are collecting money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world. Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

The Offering Plate is located on the back table. Offerings can be left there or mailed to the church.

Worship Schedule: There is a copy of the Mar-Apr Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Salina Rescue Mission: There is a great need for toilet paper at the Salina Rescue Mission. Ted Zerger is organizing a Toilet Paper Drive and welcomes large packages to be brought to the church basement for collection.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Lent-at-Home: *Christ Collides*, a free downloadable Lenten devotional from Mennonite Education Agency - [Download it for free](#) or <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:

April 6, 2025, 4pm Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, KS.

April 13, 2025 4pm Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Campers, Tractors, Farm Machinery and anything of value to be sold at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Your donations can be used as a Charitable Tax Donation. Call Jerry Toews, 620 367 8257 for more information.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Commissions meeting this month, as they provide ministries to support congregations and leaders in the conference.

Mennonite Church USA: Support MC USA's participation in a lawsuit to protect religious freedoms by signing and sharing the Sensitive Locations petition. View it here: sensitive-locations.com/

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweaters, mugs, and more. Check out the selection of swag that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove, and a retro line of gear from past conventions. bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

Everence announces spring webinar series for 2025: Everence® will host a four-part webinar series in March. In this series, you'll hear how Everence can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. Specific topics will include:

- Financial planning with a purpose
- Necessary conversations: Let's talk about money
- Retirement readiness: Understanding your income options
- Invest in a better world

The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national