



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 4

March 30, 2025

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Pete Smucker

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness.

Many: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

One: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

Many: Help us center on you!

All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day, our living God.

Hymn

We Praise You, O god, Our Redeemer

Voices Together 34

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Mike Matson

Hymn

Jesus, Be the Center (recorded music)

Voices Together 584

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 what we have and trust in material things,
ignoring the needs of those around us.**

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

**Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge
the selfishness of our society with open hands 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 *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* Voices Together 555

Scripture *Luke 16:19-31*

Sermon *Christ Collides with Our Selfishness* Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Hymn *We Are People of God's Peace* Voices Together 797

Community Life – Sharing
Community Life – Prayer

Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* Voices Together 705

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* Voices Together 568
(Recorded Music)

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

Wednesday	April 2	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	April 6	Sunday Worship – Lent 5	10am
Sunday	April 13	Sunday Worship – Palm Sunday	10am
Thursday	April 17	Maundy Thursday Service w/meal	6:30pm
Sunday	April 20	Sunrise Service w/ Potluck Breakfast	7am
Sunday	April 20	Easter Sunday Worship	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
April 6	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Carolyn Funk	Rebecca Thomson	Miles Weathers	Gerald Funk	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
3/23	Zoom 2 Church 21 Total 23		1300.00		1300.00

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During April, if you have a need of pastoral care of any kind, Lori Schmidt is the person to contact. Her phone number is 785-823-0941.

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.

First Comes A Butterfly -Sherry Krehbiel will be doing a book signing on April 5th at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton. Contact Sherry for more information.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

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

Western District Women in Mission: (WDWM) invites women and girls to our annual potluck salad supper on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church. Our theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth." After the potluck and a meditation on God's creation, Rebecca Schrag will lead a floral design workshop with flowers provided by Firebranch Farm and other sources. Each participant will make a small bouquet to take home. RSVP appreciated and required by April 15 at our website link:

<https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1>

Please bring:

- * a salad to share (table service will be provided)
- * a small vessel to make a bouquet (a tea cup is ideal)
- * several flowers from your garden if you have them to share
- * a kitchen or garden shear if you have one

Questions: Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present Rutter's Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria with pianist Karen Unruh and orchestra. Please join us for this special Masterworks Concert, directed by Dr. Joel Garber. This free event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main Street, Hesston, KS. Admission is free, donations encouraged. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: A benefit for Mennonite Central Committee - April 11 & 12 at Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. More Information at www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

MCC Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. If you wish to volunteer for the auction by clerking or helping in other ways please contact Brad Kohlman bkohlman32@gmail.com

Western District Conference: Please pray for strength, hope and courage for our church planters as they work to build the church community. Pray that God may help us, as the Church Planting Commission, to know the best ways to support them. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Events! Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on **Saturday, May 3, from 11am-3pm** at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS both in-person or virtually. Come join the conversation about reimagining worship to fully engage children. In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children).

Mennonite Church USA: Duncan Smith, director of The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, addresses the measles outbreak and MC USA's position on vaccines and medical exemptions. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/measles/>

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Zing Bawi Ken, Schyler Entz, Hannah Lehman and Patrick Webb, participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Tucson (Arizona) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, have been immersed in studying vocational discernment. Pray that this time of reflection will provide tools and insights, as they begin to plan for life after a year of service.

Mennonite World Conference: Please pray for Brethren in Christ Church Zimbabwe: Pray for the church at large for growth both spiritually and numerically. Pray for the newly consecrated Bishop to serve with a godly heart. Pray for political stability and economy as this has effects on the church at large. Pray for the youths to be saved and contained in the Lord in an era of drug and substance abuse prevalence. Thank God and celebrate with us on the good rains that we have received so far.

Everence announces spring webinar series for 2025: Hear how Everence can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. Specific topics will include:

- Understanding Medicare

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