



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 5
April 6, 2025

Salina Mennonite Church

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Carolyn Funk

Prelude

Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)

arr. Calvin Taylor

Call to Worship

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

Many: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.

One: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

Many: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom.

So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying.

One: Jesus, show us mercy.

Many: Seek and save us.

All: Jesus, show us mercy.

Hymn

Mountain of God

Voices Together 11

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Rebecca Thomson

Hymn

We Come (with recorded music)
(Repeats last chorus)

Voices Together 225

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 walk through our days with blinders on,
unable to see or understand clearly.

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

Help us walk with open eyes and hearts 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** *Will You Come and Follow Me* Voices Together 540
- Scripture** *Luke 18:31- 34* Carolyn Funk
Luke 18:35-43 Gerald Funk
Luke 19:1-10
- Sermon** *Christ Collides with Our Blinders* Tammy Duvanel Unruh
- Hymn** *Open My Eyes That I May See* Voices Together 738
- Community Life – Sharing**
Community Life – Prayer
- Interlude** *Open My Eyes – Have Thine Own Way, Lord* arr. Mick Leffler
- 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

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 with Communion	10am
Wednesday	April 23	Church Board	5:30pm

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
April 13 Palm Sunday	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Lori Schmidt	Annelle Claassen	Aaron Howard	Henry Walker	Donna Burnett

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
3/30	Zoom 0 Church 26 Total 26		\$500.00	Special Needs \$145.00	\$645.00

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: This is the last Sunday to collect 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.

Dinner with the Amish at Yoder: Marlene and Wayne Waltner are gathering a group to share an Amish meal. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you are interested in going. The meal will be around \$25 per person. A date in late April or early May, on a Saturday, will be determined if there is enough interest. Please contact Marlene if you have any questions. 785-493-1848.

Maundy Thursday Service: 6:30pm April 17th in the Fellowship Room. Includes a simple meal: Soups, breads, fruit, cheese. Communion will be a part of the service.

Easter Sunrise Service: 7am April 20th outside of Butch and Marla Stucky's Home, 1817 E. Schippel Road, Salina, KS. A Potluck breakfast follows the short service. Bring your favorite breakfast items to share, table service will be provided.

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 Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS.

April 13, 2025, 4pm Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, KS.

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.

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

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.

Western District Conference: Pray for youth ministry in WDC congregations, as pastors, families, mentors and teachers support young people and nurture their growth.

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: Matt Prichard, associate conference minister for emerging communities of faith in Central District Conference, shares his view that "to revitalize the church and effectively address global issues, Mennonite communities must focus on three key areas: deep community engagement, revitalized peacemaking and radical hospitality."

Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/good-time-to-be-mennonite

Mennonite Mission Network: Michael Oyer, in his new capacity as Mennonite Mission Network's program director for Service Adventure, has just completed a three-day visit to the unit in Colorado Spring, Colorado. Pray for wisdom for Michael and the unit leaders, Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus. Pray for a year of growing in faith for participants — Elisabeth Daudey, Alea Sagert, Sadie Sherman and Hannah Smith — and for their host congregation, Beth-El Mennonite Church.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for MWC's 8 member churches across India. Despite hostilities against Christian evangelism, each one is committed to sharing the gospel in their communities and beyond with gospel outreach, education, health care and church planting.