



## 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.*

### September 7, 2025

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## Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Pete Smucker

## Prelude

*Softly and Tenderly*

arr. Will Thompson

## Call to Worship

Voices Together 853

Leader: If you are delighted to be here,  
and if you are tired or troubled.

**People: you are welcome.**

Leader: If your faith is strong,  
and if your faith is battered or frail,

**People: you are welcome.**

Leader: If you are eager to praise God,  
and if you need to be quiet,

**People: you are welcome.**

**All: God welcomes us all to worship today  
and promises to meet us here.**

## Hymn

*What Is This Place*

Voices Together 22

## Greet those around you

## Storytelling

Mike Matson

## Hymn

*Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Voices Together 57

## Scripture

*Genesis 1:29-31; Matthew 11:28-29*

## Reflection Questions

*The Spiritual Practice of Rest*

(on hand out)

## Hymn

*Quietly, Peacefully*

Voices Together 533

## Community Life – Sharing

## Community Life – Prayer

## Hymn

*In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting*

Voices Together 619

## Community Life – Announcements

### Hymn

*Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing*

Voices Together 555

### 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	September 10	Garden Time	6:30pm
Sunday	September 14	Sunday Worship	10am
Sunday	September 21	Sunday Worship – Pastoral Candidate – Tammy Duvanel Unruh	10am
Sunday	September 21	Potluck – Meet and greet Pastoral Candidate	11:20am
Sunday	September 28	Sunday Worship – Our Faith Stories	10am
Sunday	September 28	Congregational Meeting	

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Sermon	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
September 14	Gary Thomson	Lynn Newcomer	Ted Zerger	Carolyn Funk	Vera Zerger	Lori Schmidt

## Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/31	Zoom 0 Church 15 Total 15		\$50.00		\$50.00

## Local Announcements

**Pastoral Care:** During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During September, if you have a need of pastoral care of any kind, Vera Zerger is the person to contact. Her phone number is 785-577-6669.

**Carolyn's Hours:** I will be working Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning at Church.

**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 September/October Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

**Garden Time:** Every Wednesday at 6:30 folks will be working in the church gardens. Come and join us and get your hands dirty!

**Service Opportunity:** The SMC Board has arranged a service opportunity for our congregation at the Rescue Mission. Every second Thursday we will be helping serve the evening meal at the Mission. We will need to have 4 to 7 people to arrive at 5:40 and stay for about an hour. If you want to help clean up too, you will be finished about 7:30. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table for you to indicate your willingness to participate! Thanks for considering this opportunity.

**The Salina Rescue Mission** is celebrating 44 years of ministering to homeless men in our community! We would like to invite your congregation to join us for our Annual Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday, September 23rd at Webster Conference Center. Choose from our noon Luncheon or 6:30 pm Dinner to come and hear powerful testimonies from men who have overcome homelessness and addiction and are now making an impact by helping others. A PDF of the banquet poster is on the back table. For more information or to make reservations, contact Cheryl at: 785-833-6743 or email [events@salinarescuemission.com](mailto:events@salinarescuemission.com). Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the Mission.

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregation members serving on our conference Executive Board, Commissions and other committees and task forces, as they discern vision and offer counsel for WDC ministries.

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA's 2025 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8–12, set records for attendance and racial diversity. Of the 1,640 registrants — the highest turnout in three conventions — a record 17.2 percent (282 attendees) identified as Black, Indigenous or people of color. More importantly, BIPOC voices filled prominent leadership roles at the national convention. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging](http://mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging)

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for the Bokgoni Sporting Club, in Francistown, Botswana, which offers young people an alternative to life on the streets by providing a healthy environment, training in life-skills and an opportunity to play sports. The women's netball team is planning a community day this month to strength relationships between neighbors.

**WDC Affinity Group forums:** The WDC Listening Process has highlighted common themes and concerns shared by congregations, inspiring ideas for helpful resources from WDC! As one way to follow up, WDC will periodically provide Affinity Group forums for interested congregational members and leaders to engage a particular topic together. For the first forum, the WDC Resource Commission will host a Voices Together mini webinar via zoom on September 30 at 7:00-8:30 pm, featuring Joanna Harader and Cynthia Neufeld Smith. Joanna is a pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church and writes worship and devotional resources. Cynthia is a musician and retired pastor, and served on the Voices Together hymnal committee. The focus of this webinar will be worship resources and music that nurture all ages, including kids! Bring your questions about music and/or worship resources in Voices Together. There will also be time to share some great ideas about how your congregation has used Voices Together to create life-giving worship! We hope to see you on Zoom, but the webinar will also be recorded and posted on the WDC website.

**MCC: QUILTERS CORNER IS HAVING A FALL SALE** on Friday, October 3, from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. Come and shop ALL things quilting! **SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE:** Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: [wengercd@gmail.com](mailto:wengercd@gmail.com) All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

**Everence® announces fall webinar series for 2025**

Everence® Financial will host a three-part webinar series starting in September. In this series, you'll hear how Everence® can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values.

Specific topics will include:

- Women, Wealth and Well-being: Creating confidence through the discomfort
- Charitable Giving: You know why. We know how.
- Annuity Basics

The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions.

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