# Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshiping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

### February 23, 2020

#### Prelude

Gathering Announcements Call to Worship John 1:1-5; 10-14 Praver In the quiet of our hearts we bow in this light and in this truth. Humbled and quieted as your children. We now join together in prayer and in praise in the light of your Holy Spirit. Light our way as we worship this morning. In your holy name, AMEN! Singing: HWB 115 Jesus, thou mighty Lord STJ 54 Longing for light STS 39 Will you come and follow me Offering Children's Story Scripture Reading: John 7:1-13 Prayer Message: "Words Matter" John 12:23-28; 44-50 Response Song: HWB 396 The work is thine Sharing and Prayer Sending Song: HWB 423 May the grace of our Christ our Saviour Benediction

> Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger Song Leader: Julie Yoder Children's Story: Jana Gingerich Prelude/Offertory: Lois Yoder

This Morning:	
9:00am	Coffee Time
9:30am	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45am	Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)
10:45am	Worship Service
This Afternoon/Evening	
Noon	Sack Lunch followed by Budget Meeting
5:00pm	MYF progressive dinner
This Week:	
Tuesday 10:00am	Bible Study meets in Library
4:00pm	PLT meeting

### Worship Schedule:

See Insert for this year's Lent theme and worship schedule.

Zion leadership is pleased to announce that Bill Blank has accepted the Interim Lead Pastor position. Most recently, he serves as Assistant Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. He also has experience pastoring at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania, as well as interim pastoring at other Mennonite churches, and was a former youth advisor at Portland Mennonite Church. He lives in Forest Grove. He will begin at Zion on March 1.

Mathew and Becky Swora thank the beloved people of Zion Mennonite Church for last Sunday's send-off and celebration, for the card shower, the gifts, the plants, the beautiful quilt and the wonderful memories with which you launched us onto our new life. It was so much in keeping with the love and friendship we have known from all of you over the last six years that we have been privileged to be part of this community. "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers...for your work of faith, your labor of love, and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (I Thess. 1:2-3)

### Fundraiser Meal supporting Vida Feliz Senior Center Sunday, March 8 at noon

This is our annual fundraiser meal benefitting the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. The funds collected, combined with donations received at the quilting workshop, provide a substantial amount of support for the annual expenses of the Center. Our friends at La Iglesia Roca de Salvacion will be preparing a delicious meal of enchiladas with rice and beans.

Please come and invite your friends!

Mark Your Calendars! You are invited to... Bridging Cultures Fundraising Dinner at Zion Mennonite Church Saturday, March 14 at 6:00pm

Please join us for an evening of good will, good food, and good company as we support the work of Bridging Cultures to build bridges to neighbors, language, technology, legal status, and leadership in our community. \$40 per person or \$160 Per 1/2 table (4 people). Please Register at <u>http://bit.ly/BC2020RSVP</u>

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the dinner and also to take down tables, chairs and decorations after the dinner. If you can help with the set up from 6 - 8 PM on Friday, March 13th, or help with the take down after the dinner, please contact Stan Oyer.





## "We Behold His Glory" – John 13-18

In Jesus's time, the cross was a symbol associated with great disgust and disgrace (cursed is he who hangs upon the tree). In reverse, Christ took a symbol as disgusting as the cross and transformed it into a symbol of Glory. It is by His obedience to His Father that all things wretched can be transformed, not by the "power of the cross" but by the Glory of the Son, who is the Glory of the One and Only.

The book of John, chapters 13-17 tell us what Jesus said to his disciples on the night before his death. These words were all spoken in one evening when, with only the disciples as his audience, he gave final instructions to prepare them for his death and resurrection, events, that would change their lives forever.

## Worship Schedule:

First Sunday of Lent: March 1—Jana Gingerich John 13:1-17, Washing the disciples feet Second Sunday of Lent: March 8—Bill Blank John 13:31-38, Love one another (also connect with John 5:9-27) Third Sunday of Lent: March 15—Kim Arredando John 14: 15-31, The promise of the Holy Spirit Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 22—Bill Blank John 15: 1-17, Remaining in the vine Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 29—Bill Blank John 16: 5-16, The workings of the Holy Spirit and Prayer Sixth Sunday of Lent: April 5—Frank Howard John 17, The three prayers of Jesus Good Friday Service: April 10—Bill Blank and Jana Gingerich John 19: 16-37, The Crucifixion of Jesus Easter Sunday: April 12—Bill Blank John 20: 1-18, The Resurrection of Jesus and appearing to Mary

### Please keep in your prayers:

- Bill Blank and his family as Zion's transition to interim pastoral leadership begins, and the Search Committee of Ken Beachy, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Kiara Yoder, Stacy Berkey, and Seth Gingerich as they work to bring a new lead pastor.
- May God provide His peace and presence to Margaret Shetler, who is back at the Benedictine Center after spending a few days in the hospital.
- May God's healing and strength sustain those continuing to recover from recent surgeries: Louise Gingerich, Adrian Fisher, Karen Kropf and Kathy LaBare.
- Continue prayers for Paul Miller as he rests and regains strength and adjusts to new health management needs.

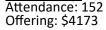
A prayer to carry though the week: "Draw us ever closer into your community, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we might love one another and work with one another in ways that mirror your care and unending love."

Common Prayer—A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Pastor Mathew's church email will close. Mathew and Becky can still be reached through their personal email addresses and phone numbers. Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 2174, The Dalles, OR, 97058.

#### Nursery:

This week: Chris Keady, Sheryl Gingerich Next Week: Jennifer Gingerich, Jenn Paradis Greeters Next Week: Chris Keady, Sheila Kauffman, Dorothy Brenneman Last Sunday:



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