

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, 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.

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of



Greetings and reconnecting
Call to Worship and prayer
Singing

HWB #651 I Owe The Lord A Morning Song
(Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers)

Children's Story – Cynthia Hockman-Chupp
Singing

MWH #574 Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide
(Antrim Mennonite Choir)

Message – "The Holy Spirit is God's Glory" John 15:26-16:6
Singing

STJ #32 If You Believe and I Believe
(Kenneth Nafziger And The Journey Musicians)

Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song

STJ #76 The Lord Bless You And Keep You
(Gingerich Family Singers)

Benediction

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

10:00am

This Morning:
Worship Service
zionmennoniteoregon.org/live

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:
No Activities

Worship Schedule:

We will continue to follow the Lent theme and scripture texts from the Book of John.

April 10: Good Friday Service

April 12: Easter Sunday Service

Zion Leadership Table has carefully discerned, based on current recommendations and mandates from the Oregon Governor's office, to continue the suspension of all church gatherings and activities until April 28, which coincides with the current restrictions on school attendance.

The church offices and entire church building will remain closed and all activities suspended. Staff continues to work from home and online during normal church office hours. You can contact Bill, Jana, or Jodi by phone or email.

As always, if you have questions or concerns or know of someone in need at this time, please contact Bill, Jana, one of the Elders, or a member of the Zion Leadership Table.

Tithes and Offering— If you desire to continue offerings during this time when Church is not regularly meeting for Sunday services, you can mail checks to the Church Office. The address is 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Rd, Hubbard, OR 97032.

Be sure to keep checking your email, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During this time of social distancing, Pastors Bill and Jana would like to share with you a special message, a scripture passage, a short devotional, or other words of encouragement and support each week. Likewise, if you have any encouraging thoughts or spiritual insights you would like to share with the congregation during this time, please email Bill or Jana and they will incorporate your message into these weekly emails.

John 15:26-16:16 New International Version (NIV)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Disciples’ Grief Will Turn to Joy

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

“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.

There are plans for a Good Friday Service on April 10 and an Easter Sunday service on April 12 by video/audio conferencing. More details to come.

Margaret Shelter would like to thank you for all the cards she received for her 98th birthday. Three of her children helped her celebrate at the Towers with cake and lots of balloons. She was able to listen on the phone to last Sunday’s service

Thank you to Zion’s congregation for the sympathy cards and gifts during this hard time. I never realized how things like that would help, but it does and I have hung them all up for the family to see. It means a lot to receive these from our new church family. Thank you, kind friends.

—Julie Blank and family

Please keep in your prayers:

- As the Coronavirus affects more and more people around the world, pray for wisdom for those in leadership and that health would be restored to those who have contracted the virus.
- For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: that parents can work together creatively for the care and nurture of their children. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.
- Those who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. May God protect them as they serve. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food.

A prayer to carry though the week: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4:6 NIV

Nursery:

This week:

Next Week:

Greeters Next Week:

Last Sunday:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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