

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.

April 26, 2020

Prelude—Quartet (recorded)
Welcome—Jana
Call to Worship and Prayer— Jana
Singing —Quartet (recorded)
Children's Story —Gina Hansen
Message: "A Joy Perspective on Problems"
Philippians 1:12-26
Singing—Quartet (recorded)
Sharing and Prayer—Jana
Benediction—Bill

Break Out Rooms

"Breakout Rooms" this morning:

Again this week, we would like to use the Zoom's "Breakout Rooms" feature to have some time to connect with others. Directly after the service is over, we will have a few minutes of open conversation. Then, we will let anyone leave the meeting who doesn't want to participate in the sharing time. We will break the remaining people into small groups (randomly) to have more intimate conversation. Hope you stick around!

10:00am

This Morning:
Worship Service
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This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:
No Activities

Worship Schedule:

May 3: John 13:1-19, Jana will be preaching
"Virtual Footwashing?"

May 10: Philippians 1:27—2:11. Bill will be preaching

The Zion Leadership Table is extending the closure of the church based on the Governor's restrictions on large groups. As we move forward, we will continue to reassess the situation, reviewing the CDC, the Oregon Dept. of Health, and the Governor's requirements and recommendations.

During this time of being unable to physically meet together, we are looking for creative ways to move forward together in our interim process. **An email was sent this week with a link to a congregational survey.** Your responses to the survey will be helpful for Pastor Bill to hear from each person, and he will be the only one seeing the completed surveys. Please take a few moments to follow the link and complete the survey. We ask that each person fill out a survey, and that all ages are encouraged to complete their own survey. If you do not have access to email, or would prefer to have a hard copy of the survey, please contact the church office and we can send you a copy via the postal service.

Tithes and Offering— *Thank you to those who have generously offered financial support!* If you desire to continue offerings during this time when Church is not regularly meeting, you can mail checks to the Church Office. The address is 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Rd, Hubbard, OR 97032. **Please know that mailed checks are being collected and locked away safely at the office. A bank deposit will be made periodically until business restrictions lessen.**

Zion's prayer group meets via Zoom on Sundays. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Sheryl Mast at 503-319-6872 or sherylmast18@gmail.com

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

We have begun a study of the book of Philippians entitled “A Joy Perspective”. The apostle Paul uses these two words, “Grace and Peace”, in his greetings to all the churches to whom he wrote: Grace and Peace are like packages or treasures of God’s daily presence in our lives. We possess these treasures because Christ lives in us. Happiness cannot depend on circumstances. Paul’s letters were written to strengthen believers – to show them that true joy comes from Jesus alone. We will be using Philippians 2:1-11 as our theme verses for this study:

Imitating Christ’s Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Please keep in your prayers:

- For the church, struggling with faith in the midst of global suffering: God, we believe in your willingness to heal and your power to do so. Help our unbelief.
- For first responders and frontline health care workers, especially in epicenters of infection: God, reinforce their ranks and strengthen them with supernatural energy.
- For transit workers, police officers, and other public servants working tirelessly, often without adequate protection: God, give them stamina every day and keep them from falling ill.
- For nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and other long-term care facilities: God, encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Prevent further spread of infection, and comfort families who can no longer visit their loved ones.
- For women and children in abusive situations: God, restrain those who commit harm. Provide protection and rescue for victims and comfort them in their vulnerability.

A prayer to carry though the week: *“Lord, Jesus, your choice to become a vulnerable human being includes us in the completeness of your love. By suffering and dying in our place, you have encircled our lives with your loving arms. May our love for each other in acts of kindness be our tangible witness to your love for us. Amen.”* By Kenneth Haugk

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