

# 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 5, 2020

## Palm Sunday



Greetings (Bill)

Call to Worship and Prayer (Serenity)

Hymn #36 God of our Strength

Hymn #420 Heart with Loving Heart United

Children's Story (Cynthia)

Sermon from Frank Howard: "Connected", John 17

Hymn #306 In Christ there is No East or West

Sharing and Prayer (Jana)

Sending Song video: "My Anchor Holds" (Quartet )

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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](https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/live)

### This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

### This Week:

Monday 7:00pm Christian Education meeting (via Zoom)

Thursday 6:00pm ZLT meeting (via Zoom)

Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Service (via Zoom)

### Worship Schedule:

April 12: Easter Sunday Service, 10am via Zoom

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**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.** 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** for a special message, a scripture passage, a short devotional, or other words of encouragement and support from Bill, Jana, or another member of the congregation. Thank you to those who have already shared! 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 17 New International Version (NIV)

### Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

### Jesus Prays for All Believers

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”



## Holy Week

**Our Good Friday service will be live streaming on Zoom at 7pm on April 10. Please join us** as we partake of Communion together in our homes. Find some bread, crackers, juice, wine, or whatever you have, to participate.

**We will live stream our Easter Service at 10am on Sunday, April 12 .** A video version of “Angel Rolled the Stone Away” will be included in our time of worship.

A digital packet of Holy Week resource materials from the Building Faith Family website can be found at <https://www.buildingfaithfamily.com/holy-week-at-home.html> . The website content is from a retired Hesston College Early Childhood Professor and Mennonite Pastor. Materials were developed for College Mennonite Church and adapted to be shared with other congregations.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Ken Beachy who will be having back surgery Tuesday morning, April 7 at Salem Hospital. Notes of good cheer can be mailed to Ken at 420 Weiby Ave, Silverton, OR 97381.
- Paul Davidhizar who is continuing to recover at home from an episode early this week which led to a hospital visit. Mail: 1577 S. Ivy Street, #208, Canby, OR 97013
- David Lapp Jost, who tested positive for COVID-19 on March 29. David and Sophie Lapp are serving in Bammental, Germany, where David works with the German Peace Committee and Sophie is a pastoral intern in the Bammental Mennonite congregation. (MMN)

**A Prayer for the Pandemic:**

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor

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