

# Zion Mennonite Church

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

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March 21, 2021

Prelude— Rachel Kropf  
Welcome and Announcements—Bill Blank  
    HWB 16 God is Here Among Us  
    HWB 151 Marvelous Grace of our Loving God  
Call to Worship—Serenity Coulombe  
Lighting of Mercy Peace Justice candle  
Children's story— Brie Ediger  
Scripture reading: John 12:44-50—Serenity Coulombe  
Message: "Seriously? Love your Enemy?"— Frank Howard  
    HWB 307 Will You Let me Be Your Servant  
Prayer and Praise—Bill Blank  
Benediction—Serenity Coulombe

Our current sermon series is based on Jesus' teaching recorded in the book of Matthew, called The Sermon on the Mount. It is our hope that as we look at these teachings of Jesus we will be encouraged and challenged to be people *growing together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship and planting seeds of God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.*



8:45 am  
10:00 am

**This Morning:**  
Adult Sunday School Class via Zoom  
Worship Service via Zoom  
<https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

**This Afternoon:**

No Activities

**This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom

**Worship Schedule: Sermon on the Mount Series**

March 28: Palm Sunday. Jana will be preaching

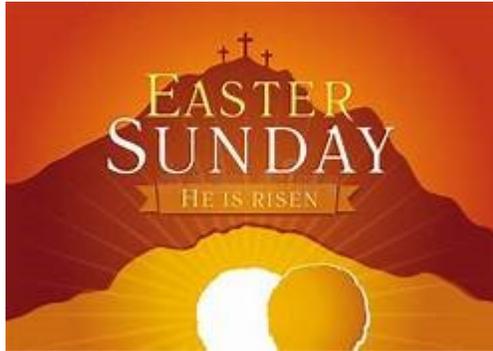
April 4: Easter Sunday. Sunrise Service and Zoom Service

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Steve Bomar has accepted the call to be lead pastor of Zion Mennonite Church. He will start on Tuesday, June 1. Steve still needs to communicate with his broader congregation, and he requests we not post on social media about his coming to Zion.  
—Zion Leadership Table

Everyone is welcome to join the Sunday School class that is currently meeting at 8:45am on Sunday mornings on Zoom. We are reading "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. Sunday we will be discussing letters 5, 6 and 7. If you were not able to attend the previous two classes where letters 1-4 were discussed, don't despair! The letters are very short! If you would like to join and have any questions, please contact Kiara Yoder (kiara.yoder@gmail.com or 503.278.6243). This is the link to the Sunday School class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381910400?pwd=bVRxbVBxa1pUV3l3aEJJVEp5dWJsQT09>

## Good Friday Eve Service April 2, 6:30pm via Zoom



## Sunrise Service April 4, 6:45-7:15am

Join us for an outdoor service near the East Cemetery  
Please bring your own chair or stand

Our regular Zoom service will begin at 10:00am

**Thank you for your generous support of Vida Feliz Senior Center!** Donations, including the soup lunch fundraiser on February 28th, now total \$8910. If you would still like to donate, checks may be made payable to ZMC, with "El Torno" in the memo line.

Many thanks to Sheryl and Gerald Mast and Luanne and Doug Berkey for preparing the soup lunch and helping during the fundraiser!

HEY KIDS – we're going to do something a little different this week!

Ask your family –What is Lent? Then watch this video together: <https://youtu.be/blfjp1FdKbY>

Sometimes this time of waiting for Easter can be confusing. What is this time for? Lent might be described as the 40 days—not

Including Sundays!—from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Christians around the world consider Lent a time to reflect on what Jesus did for us.

Remember how John the Baptist expressed a need to prepare the way for Jesus through repenting? Lent is a time, too, to get our hearts ready to truly appreciate Jesus' death for us and celebrate Easter. Because Jesus' death was the

greatest sacrifice ever—some people fast, giving up certain foods or behaviors to remember Him. A fast means taking a break from some-

thing--it might be a fast from complaining, TV, sugar, social media, fast food, backtalk, even video games. It means learning to appreciate the Giver more than the gifts.

Ask yourself questions like, "What's one thing that sometimes becomes too important to me? What's one thing that, instead of doing it, I could be hanging out with God?" The answer will be different for each of you.

This week, remember that God doesn't care how big the thing is that we choose to give up for Him, he just wants us to want to spend more time with him

—Love, Stacy and Karen



## In Prayer:

Pray for Steve Bomar and family as they make their farewells to their current church and prepare for coming to Zion.

Pray for Marlene Harris who will be having surgery on her neck on Monday, March 22. May her pain be eliminated and her healing and recovery be complete.

Continue to pray for Nancy Beachy as she recovers from knee surgery earlier this week.

Remember the family of Alice Bender, including her sisters Goldie Heyerly and Jewell Nelson. Alice was a long-time Zion attender who passed away last week.

*The dust that shapes the journey, the cross that guides it, the color that surrounds it, the light that fades through it, the Word that foretells it, the wilderness that invites it—This is Lent and into it's wilderness God calls us. Come, friends, Christ is heading for Jerusalem.*  
Hymnal Worship Book #873

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Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and mandates, all Church facilities remain closed. Staff continues to work from home. Please contact them by phone or email.

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