# 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.

## **Easter Sunday**

April 4, 2021

God's love has given us new life and hope.
By love, for love, Christ is Risen!
In love we proclaim:
Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements—Jana Gingerich Call to Worship Responsive Reading—Jana Lo in the Grave

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
In Christ Alone

Children's Story—Gina Hansen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-24

Message—"Heavenly Focused" Bill Blank

Lift Your Glad Voices

Angel Rolled the Stone Away

Benediction

#### This Morning:

6:46-7:15am Sunrise Service, East side cemetery
8:45 am Adult Sunday School Class via Zoom
10:00 am Worship Service https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/

This Afternoon:
No Activities
This Week:

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

All Week: Visit the Lenten Walk on the West Side of

the Church building

Worship Schedule: Sermon on the Mount Series April 11: Bill will be preaching. Matthew 5:27-37 April 18: Bill will be preaching. Mathew 6:5-18

Worship Services on Sunday mornings now are both on Zoom and in-person for 25 people. Everyone who attends in person will need to register on Zion's website. Registration for the week opens on Tuesdays at 9AM and closes on Fridays at 11AM

### **Responsive Reading:**

East Side: Easter is shouting, "Christ is risen!"

West Side: Easter is waiting for the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost.

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**East:** Easter is joy at the incredible Good News that love is stronger than death.

West: Easter is confident hope that in the midst of trouble, God is still at work.

**East:** Easter is fragrant lilies, sunrise services, butterfly banners and shouts of joy.

All: Easter is God's action every Sunday reminding us to live joyfully, walk expectantly, and love faithfully. Love is stronger than death! The stone has been rolled away. Jesus is Risen!

To My Church Family—May life bring you a reflection of the kindness you have shown me with your prayers, cards, flowers, and visits. It means a lot to me as I recover. I'll always remember your kindness. Thank you very much! —Marlene Harris

I want to thank you for all of the love, prayers, thoughts, flowers, and cards through the loss of my son, Glen.

—Luella Hostetler and family

**Budget Report:** We appreciate the faithful giving of our congregation. At the end of the first quarter of 2021, we are grateful for your generosity.

Budget-to-date: \$75,844 Offering-to-date: \$73,870

In observance of National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2021 The 17th annual Canby Prayer Breakfast will be held at Cutsforth's Townhall. The meeting begins at 7am and concludes at 8:15am. Canby's Mayor Brian Hodson and Canby's new City Administrator, Scott Archer will share briefly with the gathered group. Time will be taken to pray for Canby's leaders including Police, Fire, and healthcare professionals. There will also be prayer for our state, nation, and world.

Breakfast will include Eggstravaganza Casserole, mixed fruit, sweet roll, and coffee. Event coordinators ask guests to wear a mask while not eating or drinking.

Tickets may be purchased for \$12 at

https://canbyprayer2021.eventbrite.com Or people may watch virtually at https://youtu.be/OESk4 HzLhA

KIDS: Happy Easter! JESUS IS RISEN!



God's Story, God's Song

https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/week-44-early-in-the-morning.html#/

Click this link to access this Sunday's lesson from JOHN 20:1-18, which the writer calls "the ultimate story of God sticking with us even when we miss the mark. God's love is stronger than

death!" There are additional stories and verses for each day. Take this week to think about how the different people felt when Jesus died and then rose. How would it feel to be Jesus? How about Jesus's friends, the apostles, families in nearby towns, people working at the cemetery. As you think about this, remember that Jesus did this just for YOU, and just for me, too. Just for each one of us. He loves you so much!

Thank you, Rachel Park, for sharing your memory verse, Mark 12:28-31, on our Zoom service last week! KIDS—It's not too late to share! Have your parents video you or Facetime your teacher or one of us.



—Love, Stacy and Karen

## In Prayer:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer

This Easter Sunday, pray that the continuing need to proclaim Jesus' resurrection and his offer of new life be met in the land where he lived. Nazareth Hospital, in Israel, is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. May God inspire and equip people to respond.

—Mennonite Mission Network

On this glorious Easter day, we pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter, and live our lives in response to God's abundant grace.

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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