

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 16, 2021

Today we conclude the sermon series based on Jesus' teaching recorded in the book of Matthew, called The Sermon on the Mount. May we continue 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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements—Bill Blank

Call to Worship—Jana Gingerich

HWB 521 Come thou fount

HWB 154 This is my Father's world

Children's Story—Gina Hansen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-29

Message: "Building Well"—Bill Blank

HWB 546 Guide my feet

Gratitude for Bill Blank's Interim Ministry

Interim Pastor Departure Liturgy (see insert)—Stan Oyer

Benediction: *STJ 76 The Lord bless you and keep you*



8:45 am
10:00 am

This Morning:

Adult Sunday School Class via Zoom
Worship Service— Outdoor In person
or on Zoom <https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

This Afternoon:

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

Monday 6:30pm

ZLT Meeting

Worship Schedule:

May 23: Kim Arredondo will be preaching.

May 30: Frank Howard will be preaching

We plan to continue having our Sunday morning services outside at 10AM. The service will also be on Zoom at the same time. No reservations are necessary.

Please bring your own chair. There is no tent or cover, so plan accordingly for the weather.

Those who are fully vaccinated and can distance themselves 6 feet or more from people outside their household can choose not to wear masks to Sunday Service outdoor gatherings

We are anticipating the arrival of Steve Bomar as our lead Pastor starting June 1. Please remember to pray for Steve, his wife Anne, and their boys, Luke and Dillon, as they prepare to join our congregation.

KIDS:

Week 50: God's Salvation - GOD'S STORY, GOD'S SONG

godsstorygodssong.com tells of a woman named Lydia who was a “worshipper of God”, and learns about Jesus through Paul and is baptized. If you aren’t sure why baptism is important, ask your parents, one of the pastors, or one of us! You can read this story in your Bible in Acts 16:11-40. The book of Philippians is written to encourage the Christian church that forms after that beginning. Here’s a video of the story that you can watch <https://youtu.be/5g6yRNTKyP4>

WE MISS YOU! This is week 50 of this curriculum! We have missed seeing you in person for Sunday School for more than a year now! When you attend church, we have a bag to use while you are there. The bag has your name on it, and we will put special things in each week for you to look at during the worship service. We love you! —Karen and Stacy



If you are interested, here is a free prayer resource shared from Stacy Berkey: [Prayer Maps – Every Home for Christ](#)



Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits

MCC has announced an urgent need for relief kits, which provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster.

Kit Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- Shampoo— 1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20oz; place in re-sealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- Sanitary Pads— *Thin* 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

If possible, please purchase items for complete kits. Place all items in a box or large bag and leave in the foyer outside the Church Offices. Donation by check can be made to Zion Mennonite Church with "MCC Relief Kits" in the subject line. Monetary donations will be used for shipping costs.

Kits will be collected through Sunday, May 30.

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Hockman-Chupp



Robert Keady and Nikki Rodriguez welcomed Orville (Orv) Doran Keady on Tuesday morning, May 11. He weighed 7lb15oz, and was 19¾ in. long. They came home Wednesday, and all are thriving! Proud grandparents are Toby and Chris Keady.

INTERIM PASTOR DEPARTURE LITURGY

Leader: Today we are saying goodbye to Bill whose time as our intentional interim pastor has come to an end. We also say goodbye to Julie.

Bill: Thank you for the love, kindness and support shown to me and my family over this interim time. Thank you for accepting my leadership and for your willingness to work with me through the interim tasks. My memories of this time will continue to enrich my life. I ask for your understanding and forgiveness for the mistakes I made and for expectations I did not meet.

People: We receive your thankfulness; we offer you our forgiveness and we give thanks for what you accomplished. As you leave us, we ask you to accept our gratitude for your time among us. Your influence here will remain. We ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings.

Bill: I forgive you and I accept your gratitude. I trust that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Zion Mennonite church now release Bill from the duties of interim pastor?

People: Yes.

Leader: Do you Bill release Zion Mennonite church from turning to you and depending on you as their pastor? And do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here?

Bill: Yes

People: God, help each of us to trust the future. During our time together we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we carry these memories with us in new directions. We thank you for Bill's devoted service, for his gifts, steadying hand and nurturing spirit. We look toward the future and remember that all our times are in your hands. Help us to be caught by a new vision of your purpose in the world today.

Leader: Bill and Julie we send you with our love. May you be led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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In Prayer:

Continue to pray for Donna Ollis's granddaughter, Skyler, who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Pray for strength, wisdom, and discernment in the coming days as she learns of treatment options.

We give thanks to God, for our interim pastor, Bill Blank's ministry with us this past year, and pray for God's blessings to be poured out on Bill and Julie as we say goodbye to them today.

Congratulations to Jorge Tro on becoming Canby's police chief. We are grateful for his faith, experience and expertise in our community.

Congratulations to Courtney Lapp and Jonathan Gengler who were married yesterday. May God bless their marriage with joy and protect their relationship as they grow in faith together. Parents to Courtney are Scott and Denise Lapp and grandparents are Gene and Judy Gascho and Floyd and Claudia Lapp.

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

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