

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Responsive Litany, Psalm 32 (see insert)

Prayer

Congregational Singing

Prayer for the Offering

Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Story: "The Good Samaritan", Luke 10:25-37

Scripture Presentation: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: "Where Should I Sit?"—Katherine Jameson Pitts

RESPONSE

Response Song

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction



Prelude: Kelsey Sommer
Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich
Children's Story: Jenna Oyer

This Morning:

8:45-9:45am

Zoom Sunday School Class

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381910400?pwd=bVRxbVBxa1pUV3l3aEJJVEp5dWJsQT09>

9:00am

In-Person Sunday School Classes all ages

10:15am

Worship Service in person

or on Zoom <https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

This Afternoon/Evening:

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81190699512?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81190699512?pwd=MnllR1l1Z1haeiZ2NmpETGdRZFVlZz09)

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Wednesday 5:30pm

Prayer Team meets via Zoom

Thursday 4:30pm

PCRC meeting

Worship Schedule:

April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent. Steve Bomar

April 10: Palm Sunday. Steve Bomar

April 17: Easter Sunday. Steve Bomar

In accordance with OHA guidelines, wearing face coverings are optional.

Healthy Congregations Workshop

April 3, 11:45am—4pm

Thank you for investing time and energy into the future of our congregation. Our second workshop is next Sunday. We will be learning about Conflict Transformation Skills. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the Church Office to signup.

Email: zionmc@canby.com

May Special Delegation

ZLT wants to thank you for participating in the MCUSA Special Delegation information sessions, for your time in prayer, for giving your thoughtful written perspectives to the resolutions, and your votes. Delegates will be announced in our worship service Sunday morning. An e-mail will be sent to the congregation on Monday with more specific information including the results of the poll for each resolution. Let's continue to support this discernment process with our ongoing prayers.



Work Day

Saturday, April 2, 9am—noon

We will be sprucing up the classrooms and kid's space in the basement. Sunday School classes will begin meeting downstairs again on Easter Sunday. There will be cleaning, organizing, and painting to do. Please come and help if you're able!

BOOKS! There is an assortment of paperback books and novels in the basement. Please help yourself to as many as you would like. They will soon be donated. If you have any questions, contact Vonnie Oyer.

Anabaptist World Subscription Renewal - Due March 30

Zion's Christian Education Commission will cover the cost (\$39 per family) of an annual subscription to Anabaptist World magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or begin a new subscription please email or contact Jodi in the church office by March 30th so we can update our group subscription list by the April 1st deadline.

A special thanks for all the cards for my recent birthday. It was good to hear from so many of you and I really enjoyed the cards. Thank you so much.
—Margaret Shetler

It has been 5 weeks since my knee replacement. As I've been told by many who have had this type of surgery, returning to pain free health doesn't happen in a straight line. Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits. They mean a lot to me. I'm thankful for God's tenderness and His wisdom to deal with the ups and downs of healing.
—Ken Beachy

Marta's Haus Inventory Sale

A second inventory sale, similar to the last one, but this time it's at Portland Mennonite Church on April 2 from 9-3 and April 3 before and after church service. Just Cause Fair, a Trade Store will also be selling goods and donating a portion of their profits to MCC.

Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp—April 8-10

Do we need sabbath as we move into a new phase of the global pandemic? Over the past two years, we have been bombarded with uncertainty, isolation, shut-downs, and fear. Many of us are exhausted physically, spiritually and emotionally. What is the 'new normal' that we are moving into now that mask mandates are being lifted? **The 2022 Women's Retreat** is following the theme "Rhythm of Rest." The weekend will provide time to simply breathe. Together, we will cultivate community while enjoying DCC's rich surroundings. The book discussion will be ***Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest*** by Lynne M. Baab. Jesus called his disciples to "come away and rest" during their active ministry on earth. *Can you hear Jesus calling you to 'come away and rest'?* **Visit driftcreek.org for registration information**

The importance of having a will

Do your loved ones know your final wishes? Have confidence your legacy will be a blessing lived beyond your years. The will preparation benefit for Everence members provides a partial financial reimbursement on the costs of preparing or updating your will. Learn more at everence.com/member-benefits or contact Zion's Everence Advocate Jana Gingerich (503-577-9789).

Budget Report: Offering 3/20/22: \$4,738.55

Access Zion's online giving option Vanco at
<https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/GIVE> or scan:





Palm Sunday

April 10, 10:15am

Good Friday Service

April 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Easter Breakfast Potluck

April 17, 8:15-9:00am

Easter Worship

April 17, 10:15am

Responsive Litany: Psalm 32

Leader: Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

All: Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

Leader: When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.
Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.
Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt.
I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

All: Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

Leader: For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.

All: The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you.
Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

Leader: Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

All: So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!
Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

In Prayer:

Pray for peaceful solutions to the war in Ukraine and for conflicts in other areas of the world; for those in dangerous situations, the refugees, the children, and all of those working to help provide relief for their needs.

Pray for students of all ages, most who are returning to school from spring break, that they feel rested and renewed and are able to grow in knowledge; and for the teachers and staff as they continue to provide an environment for learning and growing.

For Reflection:

Lenten Prayer of Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and king, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother and sister, for You are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen.

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