

In Prayer:

Thank you Caring God, that you are love and for giving us the ability to share your love with others.

Pray for those experiencing seasonal illnesses and Covid or flu. May health and healing be restored.

Pray for students, families, teachers and administrators returning to school after the winter break. May daily routines be met with renewed enthusiasm, a desire for learning, and an eagerness for new experiences.

The Promise of Newness Beckons

The promise of newness beckons
like freshness after the rain.
Let it rise from the ashes of the past,
Hope where none seems possible,
Peace where violence reigns,
Love where hate now flourishes.
Light will pierce the darkness.
There will be welcome for strangers.
The hungry will be filled.
The oppressed will be set free.
God's power for life
Proclaimed in Bethlehem so many years ago
Now shines in us.
Let us grow towards the light that is Christ
Until the world is filled with truth and justice and love.
—By Christine Sine



Zion Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Growing 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

ORDER OF SERVICE

-January 1, 2023-

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 8

Responsive Reading:

The light of God is shining.

Christ is our light!

The light shines, even in the darkest places.

Christ is our light!

The true light lives among us.

Christ is our light!

The light of God is full of grace and truth.

Christ is our light!

Thanks be to God!

You Are Exalted (VT 86)

How Great Thou Art (VT 436)

Prayer for the Offering

WORD

Jesus Loves Me

In the Bulb There is a Flower (VT 670)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (VT 621)

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation: Matthew 25:31-36

Sermon

RESPONSE

Communion

SENDING

Sending Song: *The Lord Lift You Up (VT 832)*

Prelude: Justin Hansen
Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich



This Morning:
10:15am Worship Service in Person and via Zoom
This Afternoon/Evening:
No Activities

This Week
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
6:30pm Prayer Group meets
Thursday 4:00pm Pastoral Leadership Team meeting

Nursery Schedule:
Today: Gina Hansen, Nancy Histan
Next week: Bre Epp, Trina Fritzpatrick

Worship Schedule:
January 8: Membership and Baptism, Matthew 3:13-17
January 15: Epiphany, John 1:29-42
January 22: Hymn Sing

Budget Report: Offering 12/25/22—\$33,415.01

All Church Retreat January 20-22 at Drift Creek Camp

Our theme is "Giving Thanks". A tentative schedule is posted by the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. This event is free for all who attend. Please sign up by Sunday, January 15. Contact Vonnie Oyer with any questions (vonnioyer@gmail.com)

We need your help.

Zion has been live streaming its morning worship services since early 2020 and we have found that to be a valuable opportunity to connect with those who cannot attend in person. In order to continue offering our live stream option we are developing a team of people who can share our tech responsibilities. Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided. If you are willing to help please contact Pastor Steve at sbomar@zionhubbard.org.

91 School Reading Mentors Program. We are looking for volunteers to commit to 1 hour per week on site at 91 School during the school day. The day and time remains consistent throughout the school year and is yet to be set, but will start by the end of February. Training will be provided to equip volunteers to begin one-to-one reading with students.

More information on The Canby Center's program can be found at: <https://www.thecanbycenter.org/reading>.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact the church office.