

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY. GROWING. CARING. SERVING.

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BLUE GRASS SERVICE FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 9 & 11 AM 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING: Pastor Brent Campbell

ASSISTING: Pr Connie Tiede & Pr Sue Wallager

MUSIC: Worship Team

Beth Perry, Nancy Nordin, Sophia Bauer, Jonathan Campbell, Rich Goldman, Terry Elliott, Dan Kowalke, Stephanie Scheibe, Glenn Virgin, Dave Birklid, Linnea Yadav, LeaAnn Barnett

PRELUDE (In Honor	of Pastor	Rrent)	١
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"Blessing" (Irish poem) by Katie Moran Bart

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,

for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,

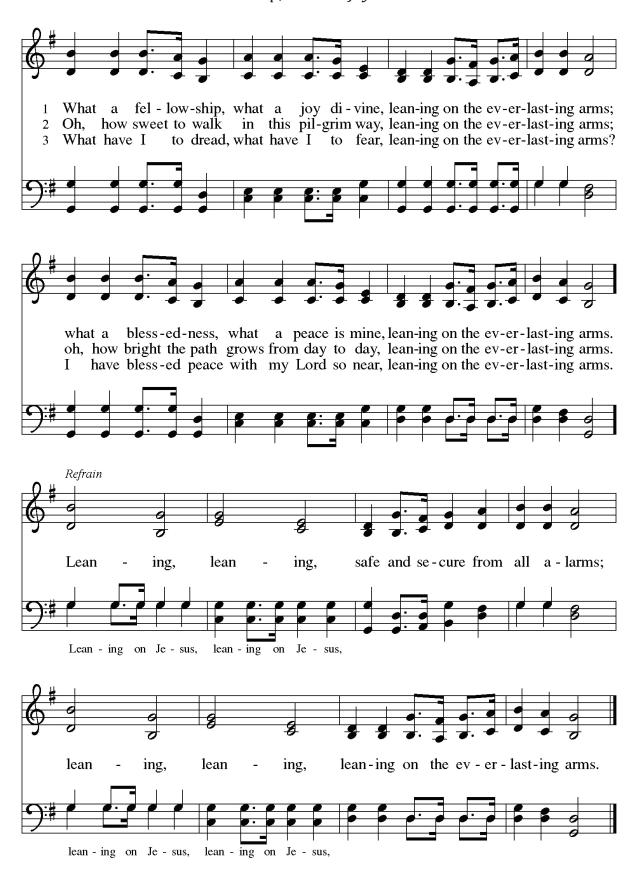
for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,

for God abounds in steadfast love.

Worship the Lord your God.

Together, let us worship God!



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, keep smiling until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
Happy trails to you, 'til we meet again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jesus Messiah

Jesus Messiah; name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:31-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "The Cross-Shaped Life" by Pastor Brent Campbell (Final Sermon)

HYMN OF THE DAY: This Little Light of Minearr. Neil Johnson

Refrain x 2:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine ev'ry day, ev'ry day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On a Monday He gave the gift of love,
On Tuesday peace came from above,
On Wednesday told me to have more faith,
On Thursday gave me just a little more grace,
On Friday told me to watch and pray,
On Saturday told me just what to say,
On Sunday gave me the pow'r divine just to let my little light shine.

Refrain x 2

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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition Lord of the Cross...

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING

https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday

or



MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Bluegrass Magnificat"...... by Sharp Adult Choir & Worship Team; Jonathan Campbell

My Soul magnifies the Lord, my Savior, and my spirit rejoices in God! Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, and glory to the Holy Spirit, magnify the Three in One!

God is mindful of **Pastor Brent's** service; richly blessing, ever bless'd Praise the Lord! Praise the mighty. God is Holy. Praise the Lord! Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, and glory to the Holy Spirit, magnify the Three in one.

God will humble the proud-hearted. God will raise the lowly up.

God will tend to the hungry. God will shoo the rich away.

God protects servant Israel, showing mercy giving grace.

God remembers all the children. God has done, great things for me!

Glory to the Father, glory to the son, and glory to the Holy Spirit, magnify the Three in One!

OFFERTORY: When it Seems the Day Will End, vs 1



Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980

Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo Text and music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Jesus, you are the bread of life. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger to share what we have first been given by you. We pray this in your name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION/DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927



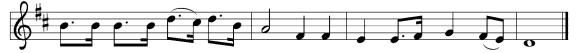
- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for -ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING FOR PASTOR BRENT ON HIS RETIREMENT

The Apostle Paul writes: I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-5)

Let us pray: Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Pr. Brent Campbell, who has enriched this community for the past 8 ½ years and brought gladness to friends, family and communities in other places. Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed, friends to cheer his way and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling him. As Pastor Brent now transitions to a new phase of rest and play, direct him in new ways of serving you and one another.

Amen.

You have been a blessing to the world. We now bless you as you enter a new phase of life. Go with love. Go with joy. Go with peace. The Spirit of God goes with you. Amen.

And now that you've been blessed, we ask for your blessing one last time:

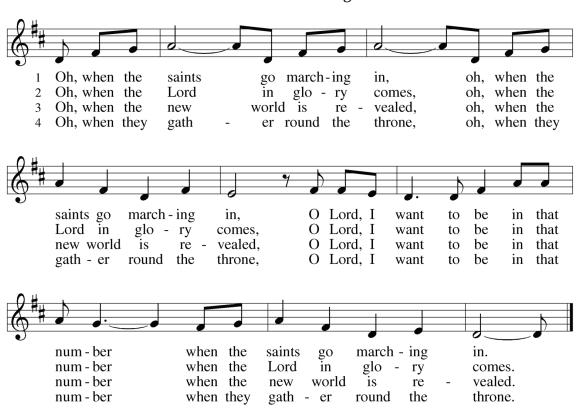
BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.





Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Down By the Riverside" (African-American spiritual)arr. J. Robbins

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 AM

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<u>www.facebook.com/</u>
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The Call to "I AM" - A Lenten Series NOON & 6:30 PM Continues

February 28: *I AM the Door*John 10:1-10 Pr Sue Wallager - preaching

MARCH 6: *I AM the Good Shepherd*John 10:11-18 Pr Connie Tiede- preaching

MARCH 13: *I AM the True Vine*John 15:1-11 Pr Connie Tiede - preaching

MARCH 20: *I AM the Resurrection and the Life* John 11:17-27 Pr Steve Schmidt - preaching

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 23/34 | 5pm, 8, 9 & 11 am

Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28 | | NOON, 6:30 PM

I AM the Bread of Life

John 6:35-40 Pr Sue Wallager - preaching

Good Friday

MARCH 29 | NOON, 6:30 РМ *I AM He = the Absolute I AM*John 8:21-30 Pr Connie Tiede - preaching

Easter

Saturday March 30 | 5 pm Sunday March 31 | 8, 9:30 & 11 am