

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Zion Evangelical United Church
Worship Service with Rev. Alley

Our Mission Statement

“To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.”

Opening Music

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome and Acknowledgment

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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Call to Worship

We call upon the name of the Holy One who hears our cry and responds to our prayer. What shall we return for all the blessings we receive?

We will call upon the name of the Holy One for as long as we live.

The Holy One has been our Companion in suffering and our Comforter in anguish. What shall we return for their presence among us?

We will serve the Holy One and be companions and comforters for God's people.

The Holy One has given a new covenant of salvation, redemption, and restoration for the world. What shall we return for the gift of covenantal love?

We will declare the goodness of God with praise and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Bless the name of the Holy One!

Prayer of Confession

Gentle God, Loving Presence, we confess that we have acted as if you were not here. We have been in our own little worlds. In our minds we cannot fathom the splendour of your love. Our hearts can only respond in awe, praise, and gratitude. Forgive us for our shortcomings and return us to your world. Heal our hearts and help us to live in harmony with you, with others and with all Creation, in the grace of Christ and the power of your Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. May we always seek harmony with others and Creation. May we walk gently among our neighbours and upon this earth as each are nurtured by your Love. May we receive only what we need from others. May we take only what we need from Creation, giving back to the earth in gratitude, honouring all with reverence, reconciling and healing, mindful of those who will come after, and recognizing our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Grant us the strength and courage, we pray, for radical transformation in our lives and the earth in which we live. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Lord, let your everlasting grace lead us when we feel unsure. Help us to remember that your victory is not distant history but living hope for today. Have compassion on us as we fail to remember this. **Amen.**

Youth Time

Prayer for Understanding

Holy Presence, unseen, you draw near in your Word. You accompany us. You receive our questions. You know our concerns and confusions. Walk with us, and open our eyes and ears to receive the Word. Amen

Scripture Readings

Job 12: 7-10 (pg 502)

Tara Tennant

Responsive Reading

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;

you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you

and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, O**

Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Scripture *Luke 24: 13-35 (pg 1025)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

For The Beauty Of The Earth

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Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Generous God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led discernment, and generous love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

To bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To recall our destiny, to renew our spirits, to reinvigorate our bodies...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To challenge governments to live up to their commitments on climate change...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To lift up in prayer all of creation that suffers and groans...**we join with the earth and each other.**

To lift up those whom we know need your presence in their lives, God of all Creation...**we join with the earth and each other.**

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery—for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. We ask these things in the name of the Risen Lord who taught us to pray...saying, “**Our Father...**”

Hymn

Wonderful Words Of Life

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Benediction

As we go forth from this sacred space, may we celebrate Earth and our shared lives. May we recognize your connections to all that is in and on Earth. May we recognize our own walk on the road to Emmaus, being mindful that God is with us along the way. May we truly and deeply value the inherent worth of all in this awesome interconnected web of existence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome to our time of worship and fellowship. It is a blessing that you are here. Whether you come with joy, with questions or with burdens, know that God meets us here, just as we are. Let's worship Him together with grateful hearts.

Coffee Time will follow our Worship Service. Thank you to Shirley Popkie and Betty Wodzak for hosting this special time of fellowship. **Please take a look on the kitchen door and see where you would be able to take a turn hosting on one of our Sundays.**

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

A brief meeting will follow today's Worship Service. If you have any ideas to share for our 140th Anniversary Sunday, please let our Committee members, Eunice, Susan and Shelley know.

Zion's Spring Yard Sale will take place on May 23rd. Any donations to our sale would be much appreciated and can be stored on our stage prior to the sale.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times. We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Willy deHaan, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4633.95

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund. Heather Lariviere has donated several handmade floral arrangements that can be purchased from the tables in our Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go toward our New Sign Fundraiser. To date we have collected \$85 from the sale of the arrangements which was added to our total along with other donations this past week. We are making amazing progress!

An Open Door Bible Study Until End of April

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited to a Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 at Wesley Church. Enter through the side entrance on William Street. Details about the study can be found on our bulletin board.

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

April 26 Service: Zion and Wesley have accepted an invitation from Calvin United Church to attend their service on April 26 at 10:00 am. Neil Lloyd will be preaching. A meal will be served and free will donations would be much appreciated. **Parking options are printed at the back of your bulletin.**

May 31 Joint Service: To continue the pattern of collaboration, other United Churches will be invited to attend worship at Zion at 11:00 with Communion served. Rev. Susan deHaan, our Pastoral Relations Supervisor will lead us in Communion.

Community News Listings—See Details on Bulletin Board

Pembroke Community Choir at Calvin:

*Broadway Revue—April 19th at 7:00

Wesley United Church:

*Stewards Committee Car Wash—May 9th from 12:00 to 3:00

Beachburg St. Andrews United Church:

*Spring Concert: Behind The Hymns—April 26th at 2:00

Postings from First Step Options:

*Dinner, Drama, and a Difference Fundraiser—May 2nd

*Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign—Mother's Day to Father's Day

Resurrection Lutheran Church:

*Annual Public Bible Reading—June 7th from 1:00 to 2:30

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FACEBOOK

Zion Evangelical United Church Pembroke

Did You Ever Talk To God Above?

Did you ever talk to God above?
Tell Him that you need a friend to love.
Pray in Jesus' name believing that
God answers prayer.

Have you told Him all your cares and woes?
Ev'ry tiny little fear He knows.
You can know He'll always hear
And He will answer prayer.

You can whisper in a crowd to Him.
You can cry when you're alone to Him.
You don't have to pray out loud to Him;
He knows your thoughts.

On a lofty mountain peak, He's there.
In a meadow by a stream, He's there.
Anywhere on earth you go,
He's been there from the start.

Find the answer in His Word; it's true.
You'll be strong because He walks with you.
By his faithfulness He'll change you, too.
God answers prayer.

**Sunday Parking Options at Calvin
for April 26th Worship Service**

- Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home parking lot if no funeral being held*
- Calvin's Church Street parking lot beside former back door (Do not use this door, enter at front)*
- Along Renfrew, Church and Isabella Streets*
- 10 spots attached to school behind Calvin on Isabella Street*
- Across from back of Anglican Church on Isabella Street (this is usually for My FM Radio, Travel Agency, and Family & Children Services)*

Meeting in Zion's Parking Lot prior to Calvin's 10:00 Service to arrange carpooling is another option.

