



Lept

I set my face
unto the
Lord God.

DANIEL 9:3

*Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026*

*Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Lay Worship Service

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 Sherry Blaedow

Announcements Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us of the light of Christ that is with us and among us.

Hymn *He Leadeth Me* #690

Call to Worship

God, we've come thirsty—thirsty for your Spirit.

Living water, bubble up from inside us and lead us toward deep spirituality.

God, we've come hungry—hungry for community.

Bread of life, feed our spirits, and lead us toward bold discipleship in community.

God, we've come searching—searching for wholeness.

Source of Life, guide us, and lead us toward daring justice.

God, feed, nourish, and prepare us to be your church in the world.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. Sometimes we are not good listeners.

Sometimes we are tired and impatient, angry, lonely or whatever might keep us from being loving and caring for one another. Help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Through all the joys and struggles of living in relationships, one truth is offered to each and every one of us. God is loving us and will always love us. God is willing to forgive us and guide us.

Thanks be to God for his unending gift of love.

Youth Time

Tara Tennant

Choir

“Why Should He Love Me So?”

Prayer for Understanding

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illuminate us and open our hearts and minds to receive, and act upon the “Word of God”. May our wills be strengthened to obey through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Susan Hanniman

Exodus 3: 1-9 (pg 56)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—

he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep.

The LORD watches over you—

The LORD is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Scripture **Romans 5: 1-8** (pg 1093)

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

Reflections **Eunice Getz, Tara Tennant**

Hymn **Here I Am, Lord** **#589**

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Father, we recognize that all gifts come from you and we are the managers of these resources. We pray for wisdom in dedicating these gifts to support the broader work of the church that will best reveal Christ's love. Amen.

Prayers of the People **Susan Hanniman**

Passionate God, we are ever grateful for your love for us, for your patience and trust. This day we are thankful for the joys of community. We see signs of love everywhere—from handshakes and hugs to conversations and praying for one another. We pray for our community, that you continue to be with us in our happiness and weariness, celebrations and struggles.

O God, hear our prayer, and in your love answer.

Merciful God, we pray for our world that faces so much violence. We pray especially for the people suffering war conditions and the threat of war. May world leaders at every level learn to speak in favour of humanity and justice. We pray that all people can walk the path of peace, the path of forgiveness, and the path of equality.

O God, hear our prayer, and in your love answer.

Almighty God, we pray for those who suffer in our community and throughout the world. Enfold them in your loving arms. We remember all those who face daily persecution and discrimination.

We pray for all the voices that have been silenced. We pray for your spirit of reconciliation to be near. We pray that there be an end to bullying in schools, harassment in homes and workplaces, discriminatory laws and practices. Teach us the power of love and forgiveness, that our words may be ones of healing. May we learn the call to be bearers of peace and spread this vision through love and solidarity.

O God, hear our prayer, and in your love answer.

In silence now, we offer concerns and prayers that are on our hearts and minds, knowing you are there to listen even when we do not have the words.

O God, hear our prayers, and in your love answer.

Let us pray now, with the words Jesus taught us, saying,
“Our Father...”

Hymn

Trust And Obey

#571

Benediction

Susan Hanniman

May God's Spirit surround you, and those whom you love. Rest now in the calm embrace, let your hearts be warmed and all storms be stilled by the whisper of his voice. **Amen.**

“Did You Ever Talk To God Above?”

(Choir will lead congregation. See lyrics in back of bulletin.)

Closing Music

Shelley Jodoin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Good morning, church family! Whether you've been here for years or today is your very first visit, we are so glad you're here. This is a place where you are loved, valued, and welcomed just as you are. Let's open our hearts to worship, to God's Word, and to one another.

Coffee Time will follow our Worship Service. Thank you to our Joint Profile & Search Committee Members for hosting today's time of fellowship. During Coffee Time today we will hold our **"Building Our Future Together"** Meeting. Your ideas and input are important to us.

Joint Choir Practice will take place on Palm Sunday morning at 10:15.

Palm Sunday, March 29th

*Joint Service at Zion for 11:00 with Rev. Alley and Combined Choir

*Rev. Amanda Alley and Family are hoping to join us for Coffee Time in the Hall. We will be so happy to have them share this time of fellowship with Wesley and Zion.

Palm Sunday Luncheon—Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people to prepare some sandwiches. A fruit platter, vegetable platter and a couple of desserts would be much appreciated. Please let us know at our Coffee Time Meeting today if you are able to assist with our Palm Sunday Lunch.

Share Your Blessings For Lent

We are collecting items for St. Vincent de Paul of Pembroke. Please help us fill our purple box before Easter. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. A container can be found on the back table in the sanctuary. A list of items is included in the bulletin.

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, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder. Les and Janice Reavie, and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4343.95

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund.

An Open Door Bible Study During Lent

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited to a Bible Study on Wednesdays. Please see details about the Bible Study on our Community News bulletin board.

Other Community News—See Details on Bulletin Board

Postings from First Step Options:

*Free Support Group for Hope & Healing After Abortion—April 7th

*Nurture Language and Early Literacy Free Workshop—April 15th

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

Fundraising Event for Camp Lau-Ren:

*Release Your Creativity Paint Evening—April 10th

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

1886—2026

NEW PIECE OF HISTORY FOR THE WEEK

In 1946 a merger of denominations again brought a new name to Zion when the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren in Christ Church united to form the Evangelical United Brethren, a name that was to be used for only twenty-two years. In 1950 the church building was remodelled and greatly enlarged at a cost of \$55,000.00. A Christian Education Unit, later known as Fellowship Hall, was built and dedicated on February 3, 1957. The cost of this project including furnishings, in excess of \$78,000.00 was paid off in six years.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Donations for Lent

Here is a list of suggestions based on what we need. These donations are primarily for preparing our meals in house. We try not to duplicate the work of St. Joseph's Food Bank, so our suggestion list is short.

Canned Goods

- Diced Tomatoes
- Soup: Tomato, Beef Broth, or Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sauces: Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Salsa, Gravy, Soya Sauce
- Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, Peas & Carrots, (No Green Beans, please)
- Canned Fruit: All kinds
- Canned Protein: Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Ham, Turkey, Beans (only kidney beans)
- Mayo
- Salad Dressing: Caesar, Ranch, French, Greek

Dry Goods

- Pasta: Macaroni, Lasagna Noodles, Spaghetti, Penne
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Parmesan Cheese
- Vegetable & Olive Oil
- Spices: Oregano, Italian Seasoning, Onion Powder, Thyme
- Onion Soup Mix
- Sugar: White or Brown
- Flour

The Night Prayer



Loving God, it is night.

The night is for stillness. It is night after a long day.

What has been done, has been done.

What has not been done, has not been done, let it be.

The night is dark.

*Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.*

The night is quiet.

*Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.*

The night heralds the dawn.

*Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new
possibilities.*

With Jesus as our example we pray.

Amen.

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.

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