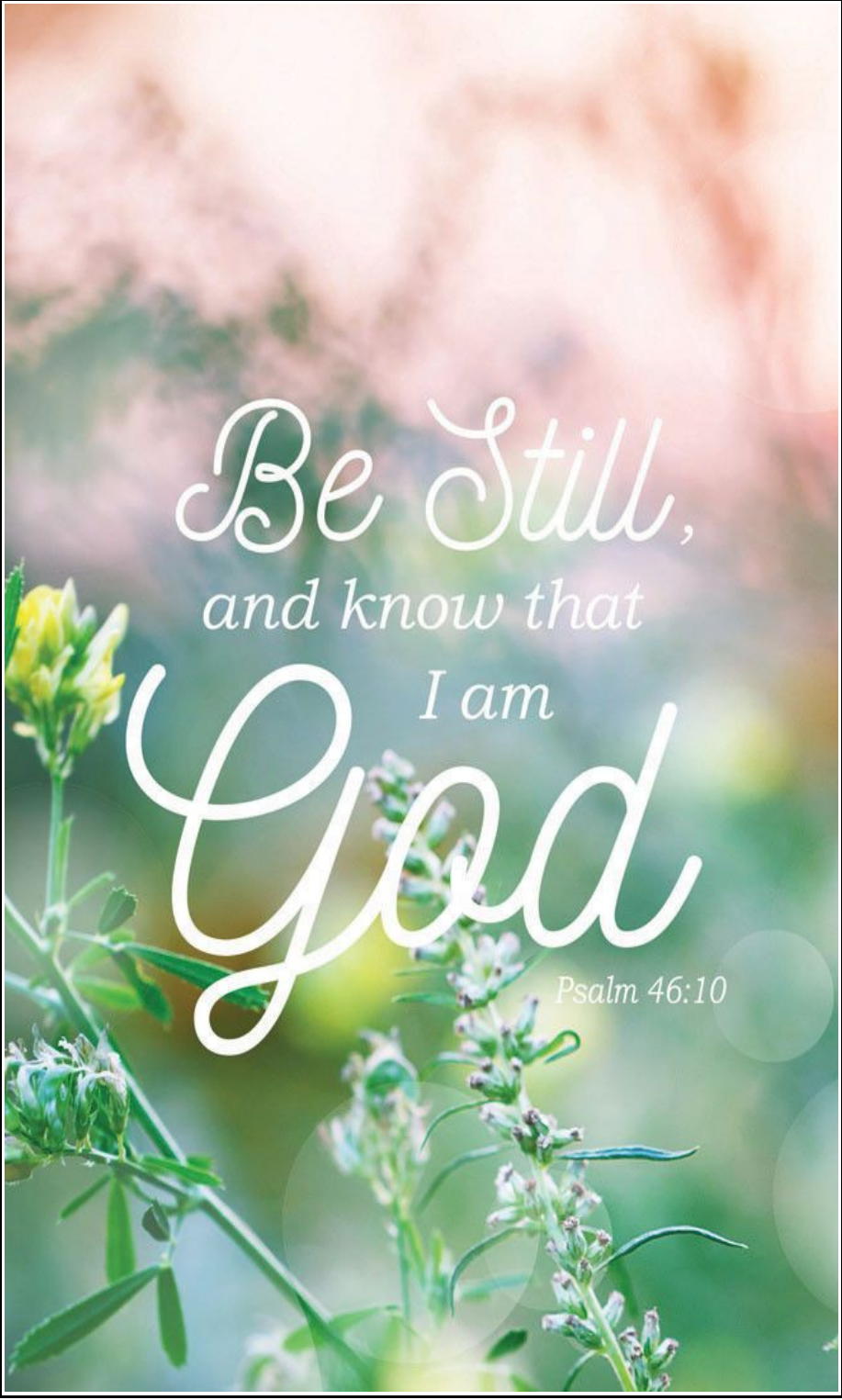




*Be Still,
and know that
I am
God*

Psalm 46:10

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1886 ~ 2026
Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*

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."*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Rev. Sheldon Alley

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin & Sandra Allen

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin People who have cared for this land for generations. We honour their enduring connection to this land and commit to working towards reconciliation. We express our gratitude and respect to them and the land for all that it has provided.

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Hymn

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

#68

Call to Worship

We gather today in love.

We come softly.

We gather today seeking.

We come in sorrow and in joy.

We gather prayer-filled and in wonder.

We come to worship God, now that we were made in love.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit, we gather as a community to pray. We gather seeking new understanding of your power for all humanity, for all God's children. Open our lives to new experiences. Open our hearts to a greater love so all may be warmed by your presence, today and every day.

Giving and Forgiving God, we confess those times when we have been indifferent to the needs of your world.

We confess those times when we have remained silent instead of challenging injustice and hate. We confess those times when we have surrendered to self interest, self-satisfaction, fearfulness, or indifference. We confess those times when we have made wrong choices that have harmed others and ourselves. Heal, and restore us, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know you are forgiven, forgive one another, and be at peace. We rejoice in God's grace. **Thanks be to God.**

Youth Time

Choir & Congregation

#409

"Morning Has Broken"
(Voices United Hymn Book)

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, your miracles surround and astound us each day. May your Spirit come upon us now so that we would not rely on our own wisdom but on yours as we read the Scriptures together. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Lee Torvi

Romans 8: 26-39 (pg 1097)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, O descendants

of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Teach us your ways, God, that we may praise you for all the surprising ways You bless us, and for all the wondrous gifts You give us, along with all the pain and joy we sustain.

O God, teach us your ways.

Teach us your ways, God, that we may accept our own talent openly, nurture it hopefully, develop it faithfully, and give it freely. **O God, teach us your ways.**

Teach us your ways, God, that we may love your kindness and practice it toward the hungry of the world, the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, that we may learn the healing humility that comes from You, and that we might be instruments of your love in the world. Help us to be mindful of those in this community who need to feel your presence in their lives today. May we be your presence to each of them. **O God, teach us your ways.**

Teach us your ways, God, so that our hearts are flooded with your mercy—emptying it of what makes it firmly opposed to your ways, so that it beats more in rhythm with you and pounds greatly for your kingdom. **O God, teach us your ways.**

Teach us your ways, God, and now we ask our prayers are accepted as we join together praying in the way we were taught, saying, “Our Father...”

Hymn

I Know Whom I Have Believed

#527

Benediction

As we go from here, hear again the promises of God, made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us today: “I am the Lord your God, the God of Abraham and Isaac. Know that I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised.” Let’s go from here in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

Amen.

Postlude

Shelley Jodoin & Sandra Allen

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

We are so grateful for each of you who have joined us for worship over this past month. Your presence, prayers, and fellowship have been a blessing to our Community of Faith.

Musicians

We extend a warm welcome to Sandra Allen who will share with us the beautiful sound of the flute and accompany Shelley on the piano. Thank you to both our musicians who coordinate our music each week.

Coffee Time

Join us following the service for Ice Cream Sundaes and cake to celebrate all our upcoming August birthdays. Thank you to Susan Hanniman and Sherry Blaedow for hosting today's time of Fellowship. Thank you to Rhonda for all the soup and sandwiches she has shared with us this past month.

Pastoral Care for Zion and Wesley

Pastor Dave Henderson will visit those in hospital or Palliative Care when requested and serve Communion. Arla Bailey from Wesley and Eunice Getz from Zion will be our contact people to reach out to Pastor Dave. Call Eunice at 613-732-8004 and Arla at 613-732-9438.

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, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruijsen.

Getz Family

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Tim Getz on Tuesday, July 21st. Please keep the Getz family in your prayers. A Celebration of Life for Tim will take place at Zion on Monday, August 3rd at 11:00. A luncheon is being served in the Fellowship Hall following the Interment at Zion Cemetery.

Sangster Family

Our sympathies go out to the family of Rick Sangster who suddenly passed away on Sunday, July 19th. A funeral for Rick will be held at Zion this coming Tuesday at 11:00. Rick was the husband of Donna Sangster, father to Jennifer and Tyler, and son-in-law to the late Rita Woermke.

Receipts for Red Cross Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

People from the Zion church family who supported this cause will have their donations included in their 2026 tax receipts. If you are part of the Wesley church family or Calvin church family, and donated to this cause, you can find your receipt on the back table of the Sanctuary. Thank you again for your generosity.

Outreach Committee Plans for a Fall Tea

When our Outreach Committee met on June 7th we discussed holding a “Fall Tea” event in Zion Fellowship Hall on September 19th. Esther Prins has agreed to be our guest speaker. The cost of each ticket would be \$15. Volunteers will be needed for serving at the tables and making sandwiches, squares, etc. Our Committee will meet again in August to finalize plans. There would also be one section set up for the sale of fall decor, preserves, and a few other miscellaneous items.

Chair Yoga In Zion Fellowship Hall

Add your name to the sign up sheet on the kitchen door if you are interested in participating in this activity. We need to know numbers when inviting an instructor to lead our sessions.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date—\$5243.95

WESLEY ANNOUNCEMENT

***Monday, August 10th @ 3:00 pm
379 Greenway Drive,
Westmeath, ON K0J 2L0***

***We would like to welcome women of Wesley (WOW)
and Zion to an afternoon in Fiji: Stories of Love,
Culture & Connection***

Join Tasha and Shane Cowell for an inspiring afternoon of stories from their journey to Fiji, where women from around the world gathered as strangers and returned home with a deeper understanding of love, community and belonging.

Through photographs, conversation, and reflections, we'll share the culture, generosity, and everyday moments that reminded us how healing begins when we open our hearts to one another.

Light refreshments will be served. Carpooling arrangements are encouraged. Women of Wesley and Zion are warmly welcome.

Summer



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July Services—Zion at 10:00

With Rev. Sheldon Alley

July 26th—Choir Performing Morning Has Broken

Flute—Sandra Allen

Practice—9:20

August Services—Wesley at 10:00

With Rev. Sheldon Alley

August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

*August 30th—Communion Sunday, a Combined Service for
all United Churches*

—Light Lunch to follow the Service

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