

This is the DAY the
LORD

has made.

We will
REJOICE
and be
GLAD
in it.

~ Psalm 118:24



*Zion Evangelical United Church
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."*

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Sheldon Alley

July 5, 2026

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin

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

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

#400

Call to Worship

Welcome, family and friends,

neighbours and strangers,

prophets and seekers of justice,

those who need a helping hand,

and those who have something to offer.

Whether your faith is weak or strong,

welcome; let us be neighbours in this place,

and let us worship God together.

Prayer of Confession

We offer you, O God, our whole selves—our flawed and quirky, incomplete but striving selves. Awaken us to discover the unique service you've placed into our lives. Encourage us to accept the opportunities for helping and healing that lie before us.

Thank you for accepting us, just as we are, and using us to do your will in the world. We confess that we have denied your grace and hospitality to those in need.

Loving God, we carry your Spirit, your promises, your grace, and your love within us. When we fail to share this with others have mercy on us. Remind us that the gifts you give are meant to be shared with everyone we meet. Help us to live in the Spirit's power and in the light of your love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Hear these words we have spoken. We seek forgiveness and hope for the faults in our lives. As we travel in our journey in life you never leave us or forsake us. We plead our case to you each day, asking that your will be done. We are thankful for your guidance and everlasting presence. **Amen.**

Youth Time

Soloist “Now I Belong To Jesus” Heather Lariviere

Prayer for Understanding

Gracious God, your love explained to us through your word stands firm from generation to generation. Open our hearts to hear your word that we may seek your presence in everyone we meet. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings Margaret Ferguson
Romans 7: 15-25a (pg 1096)

Responsive Reading *Psalm 45: 10-17*

**Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:
Forget your people and your father's house.**

**The king is enthralled by your beauty;
honor him, for he is your lord.**

The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift,
men of wealth will seek your favor.

**All glorious is the princess within her chamber,
her gown is interwoven with gold.**

In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
her virgin companions follow her and are brought to you.
They are led in with joy and gladness;
they enter the palace of the king.

**Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will make them princes throughout the land.**

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Scripture *Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (pg 944)*

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

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Pass Me Not

#489

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

**God of grace and compassion, may our gifts enable your church
to be a place where strangers become friends, outcasts are
welcomed, seekers receive, and doubters find faith, in Jesus'
name. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Loving and redeeming God, we thank you for the gifts that you
freely give to us.

**We are grateful for the life that you grant us. We remember
those in need, those in our families we have concerns for, those
in our communities that are suffering, those in our world that are
being marginalized, and all who are broken or afraid.**

We ask your presence be known to each and every one of us and those we meet in the world. Help us to follow Jesus, who is with us today through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to fall on bended knee, taking up our own personal cross. We open ourselves to your presence.

Bring healing and hope to everyone who is afflicted by sorrow and suffering.

Lead them out of their darkness into the brightness of your saving love. Grant peace to their hearts and joy to their loved ones, that together they may praise your awesome deeds.

Refresh us in this wilderness. Give us nourishment for our bodies, hope for our hearts, and your Spirit to abide with us along life's way. Crown our years with blessing. By the merits of Christ Jesus, gather us safely to yourself, where with all whom you have redeemed, we may sing with joy forever. We ask our prayers be accepted as we join together praying in the way we were taught saying, **"Our Father..."**

Hymn *To God Be The Glory* #56

Benediction

May Christ who is with us in our joys and sorrows, at all times and in all places, shine the light of his resurrection on the road ahead, surround you with his grace, and uphold you with his peace and purpose for your lives. **Amen.**

Postlude Shelley Jodoin

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome to our Summer Joint Worship Time. We extend a warm welcome to our Wesley friends and all our guests who are joining us from other church families. If you have come to Zion for the first time, we are so glad you decided to join us.

Coffee Time

Thank you to Betty Wodzak and Sherry Blaedow for hosting today's time of fellowship. Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in the month of July. Cake and ice cream will be served following the service to celebrate all our July birthdays. Please check our sign up calendar on the kitchen door to see if you would be able to volunteer for one of our Sundays.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$5143.95

Pastoral Care Information

Pastor Dave Henderson and Wesley and Zion Churches have signed an agreement to have Pastor Dave oversee our Pastoral Care. He is willing to visit the sick in hospital, serve Communion to the sick and those in Palliative Care. If you know of someone in the hospital, please contact Arla Bailey from Wesley and Eunice Getz from Zion and they will contact Pastor Dave. We thank Pastor Dave for his help in this very important part in the life of our churches.

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

Red Cross Envelope

Help and support are desperately needed for the horrific devastation caused by the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. A Red Cross donation envelope has been provided in each bulletin today. A basket has been set out on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure you provide your name on the envelope. It would be helpful if you provided your address on the back of the envelope to assist our bookkeeper in preparing receipts for income tax purposes. Donations must be received before Monday, July 13th to meet the deadline. A collection will continue next Sunday, July 12th as well. If you wish, your envelope can be dropped off during the week through the mail slot in our door facing Miller Street.

The Canadian Government will match donations from individuals to the Canadian Red Cross Venezuela Earthquakes Appeal from June 25 to July 14, 2026, to a maximum of \$2 million. Every \$1 donated by individuals will become \$2 to support people most affected by the earthquakes.

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Summer



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July Services at Zion at 10:00 *With Rev. Sheldon Alley*

July 5th—Heather Lariviere—Soloist

July 12th—Musical Guests
**Kirsten Waymann—Violinist*
**Debbie Junop—Soloist*

July 19th

July 26th—Choir will be singing, please feel free to join
—A practice will take place at 9:45

August Services at 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

OUR DAILY BREAD
THURSDAY, JULY 2
TEAM EFFORT IN CHRIST

ECCLESIASTES 4: 9-10

Solomon explained the basis of teamwork:

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 20

And Paul said we should view teamwork as a key to the work of the church:

“There are many parts, but one body”

1 CORINTHIANS 25

He further explained that there should be:

“no division in the body, as everyone serves together, caring for each other.”

TEAMWORK IS VITAL AS WE SET OUT TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO.

Prayer

Thank You, dear God, for guiding me to work together with others.
Please help me to be the kind of helper others can depend on.

