

# Easter Sunday

April 5, 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**

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!*

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**Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

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**He is risen indeed!**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and power, we have longed and prepared for this joyous day. Throughout Lent we humbled ourselves before you. On Good Friday we cried at the foot of the cross, and on this Blessed Sunday we rejoice in the risen power of love, hope, and new life. Make this rising real in our own lives. Let us be people of love, hope, and new life. Let us be people of joy.

God of grace and power, even in rejoicing we acknowledge that we have failed in many ways. We admit that despair, pain, and fear are part of life and sometimes we let them guide us. Sometimes we let them hold us back from living your way, and we lose sight of your strong love. Help us be a brave and holy people, living beyond fear. Teach us to trust in your steadfast love. Amen.

### Prayer of Assurance

In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God; nothing we have done or left undone; no one whom we have been or failed to be. Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### Youth Time

Choir

*“The King Is Coming”*

### Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, remove the stones that block the portals of our minds. Shine your light so that it may take over the darkness within. Use your word and fill our thoughts with your perfect vision for creation, so we may go, and tell, and be, and do. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Burton Maves

*Jeremiah 31:1-6 (pg 766)*

Responsive Reading

Psalm 114

When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,  
Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.  
The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;  
the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

**Why was it, O sea, that you fled,  
O Jordan, that you turned back,  
you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you hills, like lambs?**



**We pray for our congregation and all people who make up your Church. May we discover new ways to be your Easter people in the world.**

We pray for our families, our friends and ourselves. May we know the power of your compassion and promise.

**Risen Lord, hear our cry for help—in our fears and our exhaustion. As we are overwhelmed may we reach out to You and to one another for help.**

Risen Lord, hear our cry for communities of faith—that we retain memory of being together, that we embrace unity, that we foresee a future side-by-side, hand-in-hand... that we sense purpose beyond ourselves...that we perceive the needs of creation...that we stretch ourselves to respond...that our ways be formed by Your Way...that our lives be shaped by Your Life..... that our love be Your Love. We ask these things in the name of the Risen Lord who taught us to pray...saying, **“Our Father...”**

**Hymn**

*He Lives!*

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**Benediction**

In the emptiness of the tomb lies the fullness of our faith. In such spaces we believe and proclaim. We trust in what Jesus told us to remember. We carry forward his words of truth and continue the work he called us. **Amen.**

**Everyone**

**“Did You Ever Talk To God Above?”**

*(Lyrics in back of bulletin)*

**Closing Music**

**Shelley Jodoïn**

## OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

1886–2026

### NEW PIECE OF HISTORY FOR THE WEEK

*Following a period of many years of church building, extension, remodelling and the completion of the Fellowship Hall, Zion Church entered upon a period of missionary outreach, in many ways.*

*In 1953 M&B (now M&S) budget was more than tripled in size. In 1954 the Alice congregation disbanded and its members, numbering 37 were transferred to Zion in Pembroke. The cemetery was transferred to Zion at the same time.*

*In 1958 the Petawawa congregation was transferred from the Pembroke Zion circuit and linked with Locksley and Wilberforce to form a new circuit. During 1961 and 1962 it became necessary to purchase nearby properties on the corner of Miller and Christie Streets, and adjacent along Miller Street, in order to provide additional off the street parking in a second parking lot.*

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***1886 ~ 2026***

***Empowered by God's Love***

***for 140 Years!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family & Friends of Zion,**

**Happy Easter** everyone! What a blessing that you are here to celebrate the occasion of our "Risen Lord".

**Coffee Time** follows our service with birthday cake being served. Please join us for this special time of fellowship. Thank you to Joan Buder and Sherry Blaedow for hosting the celebration of all our April birthdays.

### **Sharing Your Blessings For Lent**

Thank you for all your generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pembroke. Our box has been filled and \$375 in monetary donations have been received. Arrangements will be made this week for delivery of all the items and money donations.

**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--\$4373.95**

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund. Thank you to Heather for making lovely spring floral arrangements that are available to purchase from our tables in the fellowship hall. A few arrangements have already sold for \$15 each and the proceeds will go toward our new sign fundraiser.

### **An Open Door Bible Study During Lent**

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited to a Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30. The study will resume on April 8th. Please see details about the Bible Study on our Community News bulletin board.

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

#### **April 12 Service:**

*Zion will hold it's service at 11:00 am.*

**April 26 Service:** *Calvin United Church has invited other United Churches in the area to worship at Calvin at 10:00 am with Neil Lloyd preaching. Zion's Board and Wesley's Council have agreed to accept Calvin's invitation to attend this service.*

**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.*

### **Other Community News—See Details on Bulletin Board**

#### **Fundraising Events at Wesley:**

- \*Release Your Creativity Paint Evening—April 10th  
(Hosted by Friends of Camp Lau-Ren)
- \*Wesley Spring Fling Dance & Dessert—April 17th

#### **Fundraising Event at Mount Zion:**

- \*Spring Bunco Party—April 15th

Pembroke Community Choir at Calvin:

\*Broadway Revue—April 18th at 1:30 and April 19th at 7:00

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

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

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## 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.

