

ZION EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service with Rev. Alley
Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 17, 2026

The people read the bold printed lines

Opening Music

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

As we gather together, we acknowledge that our buildings and ministries are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin People who have inhabited and cared for these lands for time immemorial. We express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided and will continue to provide.

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

#45

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prepare a way for God. Sing the praises of the one who rides upon the clouds.

We will exalt God's holy name and be glad in this presence. We will shout for joy and declare all that the Lord has done.

God gives the desolate a home, leading prisoners out of bondage and richly blessing them.

God causes the rain to fall and restores the land, providing for the needy and delivering those who call out for help.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess how small we imagine you; yet you are infinite, your presence mysterious. We confess we pretend to understand Jesus; yet he exceeds our grasp. We confess we want Jesus for ourselves; yet he has ascended, enlarged beyond our time and place. We confess how small our faith is. Open our hearts, God, to your infinite greatness, and your mystery. We repent of our uncertainty. Give us faith instead.

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Forgive us when we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others. We ask you to heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

God, you never leave us. In moments of despair, remind us of your presence. May we trust in your authority, knowing we are held in your love and strength. Guide us to walk boldly in your truth each day. **Amen.**

Youth Time (*Children leave for Sunday School following lesson.*)

Prayer for Understanding

O God speak to us through your Word. Prepare us to receive these good things and broaden our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we may obtain your promises, all things that we need. Loving you above all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

**As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away;
as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praise to this name,
extol him who rides on the clouds—
his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him.**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

**God sets the lonely in families,
he leads forth the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

When you went out before your people, O God,
when you marched through the wasteland,
**the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

**Your people settled in it, and from your bounty,
O God, you provided for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,
**to him who rides the ancient skies above,
who thunders with mighty voice.**

Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the skies.

**You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;
The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!**

Scripture *John 17: 1-11 (pg 1046)*

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

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Dear God, we come before you today deeply aware of those things you have done for us—deeply aware of the love that you have not only for us, but for all people.

We are aware from the stories of our neighbours and the descriptions in news of how people need to turn to you and to receive your love with hands raised high toward you.

We pray O God for our witness to them as believers. Help us to use the power you have given us to share what we have found in word and in deed, to share the church with everyone.

We thank you, O God, for those you have called together for the purpose of worship and mutual encouragement; for the purpose of teaching and learning about you; for the purpose of prayer and of care for each other and for the world.

Truly, O God we find solace among one another, we find your presence and the peace that it brings. We pray O God that as a church, we would use the power you have given us to go out into the world, and to fulfill our calling as your people. We ask these things, and we praise you and bless your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Saviour. And now we pray as we were taught, **“Our Father...”**

Benediction

Go in peace, and may the Spirit of God fill you and use you according to God's most Holy Will. May the Word of God direct you and nourish your heart with joy and wisdom, and may Christ our Lord so dwell within you that all your actions and words witness grace and love, and bring eternal praises to God's name both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Closing Music

Shelley Jodoin

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME 1886—2026

NEW PIECE OF HISTORY FOR THE WEEK

In 1985 a new fire alarm system was placed in the Church and Fellowship Hall complete with heat and smoke detectors and emergency lighting system, all of which is connected directly with the Fire Department.

1986 marked 100 years for Zion. The Logo was "1886 People of Zion, Rejoice 1976". Also in 1986 Zion purchased the house on the corner opposite the church owned by Herb Baird, an Official Board member and Elder, who passed away.

In 1987 we purchased another bus to replace the old one and this gave more room and comfort to passengers and volunteer drivers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

We extend a warm welcome to each and everyone who is gathered with us today. May you feel the love and peace of Christ as we worship together.

Coffee Time will follow this morning's service. **A sign up sheet can be found on the kitchen door. Take a look to see if you are able to host on one of our Sundays.**

Choir Practice will be held at Zion each Sunday in May at 10:15 to prepare for our special Communion Service on May 31st.

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

Pentecost Sunday, May 24th at Zion at 11:00

Trinity Sunday, May 31st Service At Zion at 11:00

A letter of invitation has gone out to all the United Churches in the area to join us and partake in Holy Communion with Rev. Sheldon Alley and Rev. Susan de Haan, our Pastoral Relations Supervisor.

Salad Luncheon, May 31st at Zion

This luncheon will follow our Communion Service. A sign up sheet is posted on the kitchen door. If you are able to contribute to our luncheon and help prepare for our guests, we would be so grateful.

Spring Workbee Volunteers

Thank you so much for all the workers who came together this past week to help with our spring clean up. The appearance of our property has been greatly improved inside and out.

Joint Search Committee

A meeting for our team is scheduled for May 21st at 1:00 at Wesley.

Grass Cutting Team

Volunteer grass cutters and trimmers are needed at Zion. If you are able to help for June, July, and August, please let Eunice know and a schedule can be prepared. Thank you to Mike Kearns and Tim Maves who have come forward to help with this task. Thank you to Burton Maves for doing the maintenance on our lawnmower and snowblower.

Supporting Bernadette McCann House

Your support for this safe haven for those who are victims of abuse is very much appreciated. A list of needed items can be found in the back of the bulletin and can be placed in the purple box at our entrance. Thank you so much for the items that have already been donated.

Zion's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for this Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 until noon. Please take time to join our brief meeting following Coffee Time to go over our plans for the sale.

Are you able to help in setting up tables, and placing out items, or contributing baked goods? Are you able to come work on the day of the sale? Please let us know. As always your help is so very much needed and appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off between 10:00 and 3:00 on Friday, the day before the sale. Be thinking of some good causes where we could direct the proceeds from our sale. The Big Give Away takes place on June 6th, so any left over items could go there.

Updating Our Directory

Please find forms hanging from our office bulletin board that can be filled out if your contact or mailing information has changed. This will assist us with future mailings or if we need to get in contact with you. Forms can be put through the slot in the office door or given to Eunice or Sherry. We respect your right to keep your information private. Please let us know if those are your wishes.

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.

Remember In Prayer

We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Willy deHaan, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4923.95

Plans for the new sign have been getting started. Sun Sign Graphics, owner Robyn will be coordinating the schedules of everyone involved in the sign project so they can come together to begin the task.

Community News Listings—See Details on Bulletin Board

Postings from First Step Options:

*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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Bernadette McCann House Spring / Summer 2026 Wish List		
Journey Gift	Household Items	Sleep Kits
Basic Tool Kit	Hand Soap	Sleep Masks
Mop & Bucket	Toilet Paper/ Paper Towels	Sleepy Time Tea
Small Bottle Bleach	White Hand & Bath Towels/Face Cloths	Ear Plugs
Rubber Gloves	White Single Bed Vinyl Mattress Cover	Bag for Items
Toilet Bowl Brush	New Pillows	Lavender Oil
Broom & Dustpan	Clear & Black Giant Garbage Bags	Pillows
Lysol Wipes	Large & Small Paper Compost Garden Bags	
	Laundry Detergent	
	Cookie Sheet	
Personal Items	Food Items	Other
Earbuds (Bluetooth and Cord)	Grocery Gift Cards	Craft Supplies
Noise Cancelling Headphones	Canned Fruit	Art Activities
Body Wash & Loofas	Canned Vegetables	DVDs
Deodorant, Razors & Shaving Gel	Pasta, Sauces, Tomato Paste	Ice Packs
Daily Planners/ Agenda	Rice	Journals for Women
Disposable Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6, 7)	Canned Tuna	2026 Calendar
Tweezers & Nail Clippers	Canned Salmon	Umbrellas
Hair Brushes	Pickles	
Tampons	Relish	
Reading Glasses	Mustard	
Shampoo & Conditioner	Ketchup	

