

ZION EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service with Rev. Alley

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2026

"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"

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."

The people read the bold printed lines

Opening Music

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome and Acknowledgment

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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Call to Worship

We gather for worship today, choosing to make time in our busy lives to worship as part of this community.

We come with a song in our heart.

We return to this community. Whether in joy or sadness, full of energy or feeling worn out, we gather to join together in praise to God.

We come with music in our souls.

We come before God, for we know that in God we find our peace.

We come with praise on our lips.

We gather for worship today, in gratitude and praise for God's unending love.

We come with a song in our heart.

Prayer of Confession

God, we gather together as your people—in our strength, but also in our weakness. We acknowledge that in the journey of faith, there are moments we stumble, moments we do not live for You, but only for ourselves. Help us to return to You, seeking the strength to be Your faithful people once more. When we don't know what to do, let us bring our cares and concerns to you.

Loving God, you have called us to become one family, a spiritual house where there is room for all people. Yet, we realize that we have not made our own homes the dwelling place for your love that we would like. Too often, we act like individuals who happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another. Help us to renew our commitments to the growth and development of those who share our homes with us. Help us to communicate openly with one another and to show our love in the homes where we live, and then share that love with all your children, wherever they may be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Hear the good news! Jesus invites us to stand, to feel our own strength, to understand our own power, to sense the changes that love is accomplishing within us and among us. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all what we need in order to be faithful. We are loving servants of God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

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

Solo

"The Love Of God"

Burton Maves

Prayer for Understanding

O God of story, in the beginning you created humankind. The Bible contains your story of love and encouragement and a challenge, to your creation, to your children, and to us.

Today, may our hearts and minds be open to hear what your Spirit is saying to us. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Bailey Jodoin

Acts 17: 22-31 (pg1076)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 66: 8-20

*Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;
he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.*

For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

*You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.*

*I will come to your temple with burnt offerings
and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised
and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.*

I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams;

I will offer bulls and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God;

let me tell you what he has done for me.

I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

*Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!*

Scripture

John 14: 15-21 (pg 1046)

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

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Happy Our Home When God Is There

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Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both inspire and challenge.

We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships with one another and with your whole creation. Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to all your people. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God, we praise you for all the wonderful things in our lives.

We pray for good friends and good health, for good food and clean water, for safe places to live and to work, for the beauty of your creation that inspires artists to create beautiful and thought-provoking words, for all the gifts you have given us that make the world a wonderful, joyous, engaging place to live.

And especially today, on Mother's Day, we give thanks for the important people in our lives who nurture us, protect us, and help us grow.

God, amidst the joy in life there are still places of sorrow. We pray that those suffering from illnesses may know your healing. We pray that their caregivers feel supported by your presence.

We pray today for your earth. May we find new sustainable ways to care for the earth and all creation.

We pray for people impacted by natural and man-made disasters. May they know your comfort. We pray for those suffering from political violence and unrest throughout the world. May they know your peace.

God, we pray for your people wherever they are gathered and all who work in ministry there.

Thank you for those who seek to live out your love in their community; those who volunteer to make our world a better place, who seek justice and offer support and compassion to others in need.

We pray for all the work done at Zion Evangelical United Church. We pray that our volunteers and leaders may be guided by your wisdom as we move forward in our ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

We welcome everyone to our Worship Service. We give thanks that God has brought you to this place today, as we honour all our mothers of the past and present. We remember them for their nurturing ways, their loving care, their guidance and the wisdom they instilled in us.

Coffee Time will follow this morning's service. We thank Kathy Ness for hosting today's special time of fellowship. **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.

Spring Workbee

Friday, May 15th & Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 until 12:00

We would appreciate your help in beautifying our church. Bring your work gloves, water bottles, and outdoor working tools such as rakes, bristol brooms, shovels, and gardening tools. We will also concentrate on window cleaning, polishing woodwork, kitchen, washrooms and gallery refreshing. Many hands make light work!

Zion Grass Cutting Team

Zion is looking for volunteer grass cutters and trimmers. 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 who has offered to do the maintenance on our lawnmower and snowblower.

Zion's Spring Yard Sale will take place on May 23rd which is fast approaching. We are grateful for all the donations we have been receiving for our sale. Our stage is overflowing!

An Outreach Meeting will follow our service on Sunday, May 17th concerning our Yard Sale plans. Please attend our meeting if you will be able to help with setting up or working at our sale.

Supporting Bernadette McCann House

We would be so grateful for your support throughout the month of May. The shelter provides a safe haven to victims of abuse. A list of needed items can be found in the back of the bulletin. Items can be placed in the purple box at our entrance.

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. If you are new to Zion and would like to share this information, we will add it to our Directory. Forms can be put through the slot in the office door or given to Eunice or Sherry. If we don't hear from you, your information will remain the same in our Directory. We respect your right to keep your information private.

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--\$4743.95 is our new balance following sales of two more arrangements and donations.

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

Floral Arrangements made by Heather Lariviere can be purchased from the Fellowship Hall for \$15 each and the proceeds will go toward the work on our new sign. We are making amazing progress!

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

Trinity Sunday, May 31st Service At Zion

This would have been our Joint Service with Wesley. To continue the pattern of collaboration, a letter of invitation has gone out to all the United Churches in the area to partake in Holy Communion on this Trinity Sunday at 11:00 with Rev. Sheldon Alley and Rev. Susan deHaan, our Pastoral Relations Supervisor.

Special Luncheon, May 31st at Zion

We will be purchasing cold cuts and buns with our Coffee Time funds. We are requesting some vegetables and a variety of salads for our luncheon. Please find a sign up sheet on the kitchen door. Thank you so much for your contributions and helping us to prepare for our guests.

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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FACEBOOK

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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	

