

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

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Call to Worship

We gather today to walk with Christ.

May we know God's love and grace.

We gather to open ourselves to hear God's word.

May we know God's love and grace.

We gather to open ourselves to God's blessing on our lives.

May we know God's love and grace.

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess. O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples.

Still, O Lord, sometimes we don't trust your promise of peace.

Still, O Lord, sometimes we do not follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace.

Show us your hands and your feet once more and teach us to be your body in the world.

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Assurance

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Youth Time

Choir

"It Took A Miracle"

Prayer for Understanding

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I said to the LORD, "You are my LORD;
apart from you I have no good thing."**

**As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood
or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;

I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Scripture Readings *1 Peter 1: 3-9 (pg 1176)* **Sherry Blaedow**

John 20: 19-31 (pg 1052)

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

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

I Love To Tell The Story

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Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

O God of our Salvation, we are witnesses to your amazing deeds.

By the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have opened the gate to

eternal life. We are grateful for your gifts of forgiveness and a new

start. Let the obedience of Christ, the righteous one, become the

chief cornerstone of our lives. **Help us to use our spiritual gifts**

and monetary blessings to be a testimony to your glory. We

dedicate ourselves and our offerings through Christ our Risen

Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of

endless life, saying:

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

Life-giving God, we pray for the church. Keep us faithful in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, walking in the light of his life and love, proclaiming the good news he has revealed. **By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the world. Enable the families of the earth to live together in harmony and justice, in unity and peace, so that all may know your blessing of abundant life. **By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for this community. Let us be of one heart and one soul in you. Take all that we have and hold in common and distribute it for the good of those in need. **By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones. Be present to all who need to know you are near. Encourage those who struggle with doubt or despair. Breathe among us with the power of your peace. **By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.**

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; **through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.**

We continue to pray in the way we were taught, saying, **“Our Father...”**

Hymn

Love Lifted Me

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Benediction

Let us step out into the world, knowing that we are not alone when doubts and fears surround us. The Risen Christ is with us, empowering and encouraging us to transform our wounds into sources of liberation. May the power of resurrection, the divine peace, and the empowering grace of God be with us now and forever more. **Amen.**

Everyone **“Did You Ever Talk To God Above?”**
(Lyrics in back of bulletin)

Closing Music

Shelley Jodoin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

We extend a warm welcome this morning to Rev. Amanda Alley. Thank you to all who are gathering with us today. We hope you will feel God's presence and receive encouragement through our prayers, message, scriptures and songs.

Coffee Time will follow our Worship Service. Thank you to Eunice for hosting this special time of fellowship. **Please take a look on the kitchen door and see where you would be able to take a turn hosting on one of our Sundays.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pembroke

Thank you for all your generous donations that were collected during the season of Lent. The food items and cash totaling \$385 were delivered to the Society on Friday.

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--\$4398.95

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund. Heather Lariviere has donated several handmade floral arrangements that can be purchased from the tables in our Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go toward our New Sign Fundraiser. To date we have collected \$85 from the sale of the arrangements.

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 at Wesley Church. Enter through the side entrance on William Street. Details about the study can be found on our bulletin board.

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 26 Service: Zion and Wesley have accepted an invitation from Calvin United Church to attend their service on April 26 at 10:00 am. Neil Lloyd will be preaching.

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. Rev. Susan deHaan, our Pastoral Relations Supervisor will lead us in Communion.

Other Community News Listings—See Details on Bulletin Board

Fundraising Events at Wesley:

*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

Beachburg St. Andrews United Church:

*Spring Concert: Behind The Hymns—April 26th at 2:00

Postings from First Step Options:

*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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FACEBOOK

Zion Evangelical United Church Pembroke

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.

