

ZION CHURCH – FREELAND, MI
OUR SAVIOUR CHURCH – SAGINAW, MI
Connecting Everyday Life With Everyday Faith

Wednesday Lenten Worship
April 01, 2020 ~ 7:00pm Live Stream

Welcome!

All are welcomed here. All are welcome regardless of race, culture, wealth, poverty, political affiliation, age, education level, faith tradition, health, (physical, mental, emotional) or wounded, LGBTQ+ identity, married, single, divorced, widow, or nationality. Nothing separates us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

Lent 2020: Transition – Change – Serenity

This season we are intentionally inviting a change in your life. It is time to examine the barriers that keep us from living our faith more fully in our daily life. It is time to ask ourselves what can we change to be more faithful? How can we live by our church's guiding statements and the serenity prayer?

Even in unprecedented and unsettling times of physical social distancing, how may we stay connected with our loved ones, our church family, and our community. As a church, how may we continue to serve others? How can we invite God's peace into our lives, and the lives of those around us, during this time?

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME, PRELUDE

OPENING LENTEN PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

HYMN

We Praise You, Lord

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We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ, who died and rose again;
he lives to break the pow'r of sin and over death to reign.

We praise you that this child now shares the freedom Christ can give,
has died to sin with Christ, and now with Christ is raised to live.

We praise you, Lord, that now this child is grafted to the vine,
is made a member of your house, and bears the cross as sign.

We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ: he loves this child we bring;
he frees, forgives, and heals us all; he lives and reigns as king.

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 8:5-11*

R: A reading from Romans the 8th chapter.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit

have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
PASTORAL REFLECTION

HYMN

We Will Serve the Lord¹

Wealth can be an idol, built of gleaming gold,
brining dreams of paradise, futures bought and sold.
Some will choose to gather it, all that they can hoard,
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Pleasure is a siren, promising the flesh
brief relief from emptiness, a hiding place from death.
Some will choose to chase it, until it leaves them bored,
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,
we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord! (*Repeat*)

Power is a hunger, burning in the breast,
to walk among the mighty and trample on the rest.
Some will choose to gain it, by lie or guile or sword,
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Father of all mercy, Mother of all life,
here we speak our covenant above the noisy strife.
Here us shout in glory, above the Pagan horde,
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,
we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord! (*Repeat*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken in Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord I Need You²

Lord I come I confess, Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You, Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are Lord I am free, Holiness is Christ in me

Where You are Lord I am free, Holiness is Christ in me (*Chorus*)

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay

(*Chorus*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

² "Lord I Need You" words & music by Christy Nockels Daniel Carson Jesse Reeves Kristian Stanfill Matt Maher

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SENDING

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Holy Week

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CELEBRATING JESUS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Palm Sunday: 10am Live Stream

Holy Wednesday: 7pm Live Stream

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Live Stream

Good Friday: Short Reflections every 30mins, 12-3pm & 7pm Live Stream

Easter Morning: 10am Live Stream