

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

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**Wednesday Lenten Worship**  
**April 08, 2020 ~ 7:00pm Live Stream**

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*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

*Your Heart, O God, is Grieved*

*LBW 96*

*Leader: O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.*

**All:** Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;  
upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.

*Leader: O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.*

**All:** Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;  
your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.

*Leader: O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.*

**All:** O lavish Giver, come to aid the feeble child your grace has made.  
Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay.

## 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:** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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 *Isaiah 50:4-9*

**R:** A reading from Isaiah the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

## HYMN

### *Day By Day*

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Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;

Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

#### **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**

#### ***Who You Say I Am*<sup>1</sup>**

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost, but He brought me in.

Oh His love for me. Oh His love for me.

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<sup>1</sup> "Who You Say I Am" words & music by Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan  
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Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of God, Yes I am!

Free at last He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of God, yes I am!  
In my Father's house, there's a place for me! I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am

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In my Father's house, there's a place for me! I'm a child of God, yes I am!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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# Holy Week

## 2020

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