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

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?

Maundy Thursday
April 09, 2020 ~ 7:00pm *Live Stream*

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME, PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READING *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

R: A reading from St. John the 13th chapter.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

WOV 765

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

R: A reading from 1st Corinthians the 11th chapter.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Remember Me

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need (*particular organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit (*especially*). Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith (*especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 26:36-46*

R: A reading from book the number chapter.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

I Only Want to Say (Gethsemane)

DEPART IN SILENCE

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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 30 mins, 12-3pm & 7pm Live Stream

Easter Morning: 10am Live Stream