
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?

Good Friday

April 10, 2020 ~ 7:00pm Live Stream

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME, PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Stand as able*

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

LBW 107

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 53:3-7*

R: A reading from Isaiah the 53rd chapter.

³He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LBW 117

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for he who dies believing dies safely in thy love.

SCRIPTURE READING *John 19:17-27*

R: A reading from St. John the 19th chapter.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,
“They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING *John 19:28-42*

R: A reading from St. John the 19th chapter.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The following prayers will all follow this format.

P: Let us pray...

Silent prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, ... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, praying the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

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.

HYMN

Were You There

LBW 92

V. 1-3 only

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS BROUGHT TO THE CROSS

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

SILENT DISMISSAL

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We Invite You to Connect with Zion!

Join our daily text prayer: Send @1minprayer to 81010

Feel free to text/call Pastor Rob Schmidt with questions, concerns, feedback, or to chat at 989-297-1611, or email him at freelandpastor@zionfreeland.org

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Easter Morning

Live Stream Worship

Facebook or www.zionfreeland.org

10:00 a.m.



