

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion
Noon and 6:30pm**

Good Friday Tre Ore – six half hour segments
Meditations and prayer based on Jesus' words from the cross
(come when you can, leave when you must)
Noon through 3pm

Good Friday Evening – The Passion Story
Prayers, Hymns, and Readings
6:30 pm

Saturday Vigil – Our Wait at the Tomb
Scripture, Prayers, Baptismal Remembrance
6:30 pm

Easter Festival of the Resurrection
Holy Communion – Festival Brass
8am and 10:30 am

Coffee and Donuts will be available between services on Easter.

THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY MEAL THIS WEEK!

NO MIDWEEK OR SUNDAY CLASSES THIS WEEK

Here is the letter Pastor Saylor sent to members of Zion informing us that he has accepted our call for him to be Senior Pastor:

Dear Members of Zion,

Having spent these past weeks prayerfully considering and reflecting upon the Divine Call you have extended to me to serve as Senior Pastor of Zion, Kalamazoo, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to accept this Call. Laura and I are ready to start a new chapter of our life together by serving with you in the Kalamazoo community.

As I've mentioned previously while visiting with some of you, I am so very humbled to have been Called to Zion. I am humbled. I am honored. And I am in!

Thank you for your prayers and support as Laura and I work out the details of our move to Kalamazoo over these next weeks.

Please keep Redeemer, Convoy in your prayers as well. We love our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Ohio and we're grateful for the chance to say goodbye to them and wrap up things before we turn our focus toward Michigan. I am confident that the Lord will bless them with a new pastor, with just the right person, according to His timing and faithfulness.

Again, our deepest thanks for the patience you've shown us during these weeks of praying and talking and seeking God's gracious will. Laura and I know that His grace is enough, more than enough, to give us the confidence we need as we move forward, as we move to Michigan, as we prepare to serve with you.

In Jesus! Pastor Mike Saylor

Christian Art! Calligraphy in BLENDS! We have an incredible exhibit of calligraphy in BLENDS this month. Art has always been important in the Church, whether in illuminated manuscripts, altar pieces, woodcarvings, paraments, or even the architecture of our places of worship.

Also check out several books on **display in our library** that show how calligraphy brings attention, color, and life to the words of faith. This is well worth your time!

COVID brought many changes to our personal and work schedules. Consider the value of faith in your life, and the nurturing of your own life and the support you offer others as you are present here for worship, fellowship, holy communion, and prayer.

Interested in serving on a ministry team but not sure who to speak with? Contact Marta in the church office, Aaron, or Pastor Tim. We can help with questions.

Friends of Jesus Preschool is now offering wraparound childcare beginning Fall 2023. As an addition to its preschool programs, Friends of Jesus will now offer before care beginning at 7 AM and after class care until 5:30 PM. For more information, contact Director Jen LaPorte at jen@zionkazoo.org.

Ministry with Community - We are collecting health care items to serve those in need. Please continue making this a success by donating. Baskets are set up in front of the church office along with a list of those items needed to make your shopping a bit easier. Many of these items are available at our local dollar stores.

THANKS TO ALL who continue to bring new and gently used blankets to our collection box in our lobby. They will go to St. Luke's Episcopal Church downtown to support their efforts for those with housing difficulties. Call for more information.

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need is: **Canned Tuna**

Thank you for your continued financial support. Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: During Holy Week, we saw Christ the Lamb go uncomplaining forth. Today we see Christ symbolized as the Lamb of God, sitting upon the book with the seven seals. The Lamb is the center of our window as well as our faith. The three upper arms of the cross are overshadowed by the resplendent beams of gold which blaze the center of the window. "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

Adult Choir practices on Thursdays, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices.

Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

Weekly meditations continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

Pastors' Classes resume the week after Easter:

Pastor Seeber's Classes:

Sunday 9:15 am Gathering Space / relating Biblical characters and stories to daily living

Saturday Men's study 8:00 am (zoom) / real world issues and the Gospel of John

(Contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom link if you would like to be included!)

Pastor Brelje's Class -- Book of Romans

Tuesdays 10am in Gathering Space

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

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For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Aaron 271-2848 / Pastor Brelje 330-9538

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, or email address, please call the church office and let us know!

Prayers: Marv Rutgers, Joan Maier