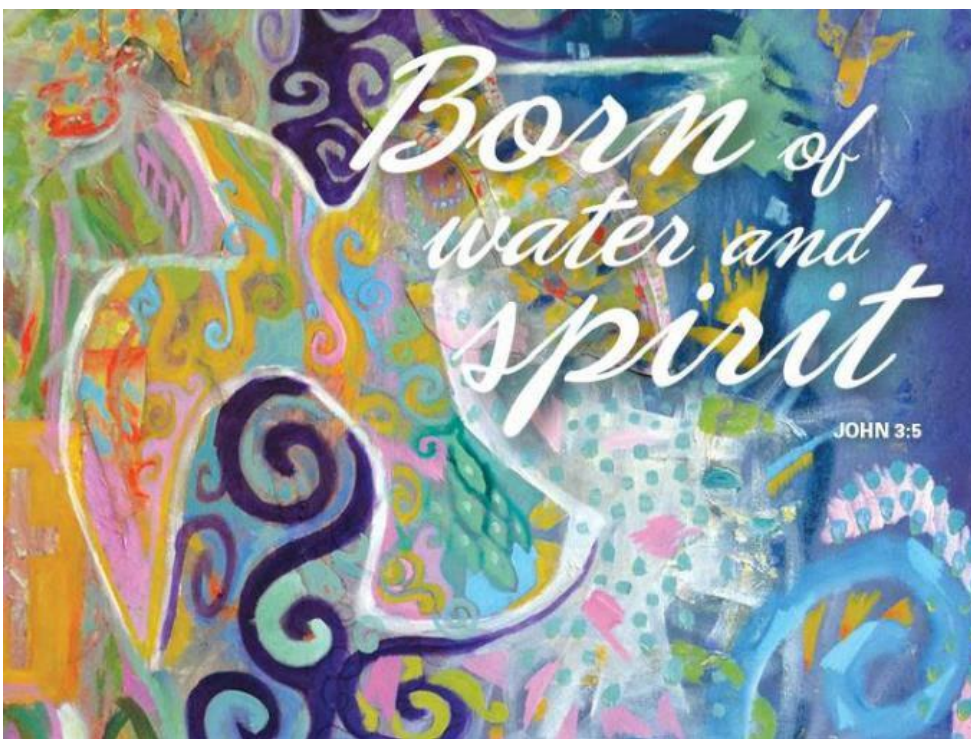

MISSION STATEMENT

Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community.

Welcome to historic
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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

All Baptized persons are invited to come to the Altar and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion as we continue to re-gather. Please take this bulletin home with you. **Coffee Hour is held in Clarke Hall** after the service which you enter through the double doors on your right at the front of the church. Please stop by to have a cup of coffee or tea, something to eat and a chance to meet the people of Zion.

If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also, regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

Please Disinfect Slip-You will notice in your bulletin we no longer have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip into your bulletin; but we do reserve the right to start this practice again if needed. Thank You.

The Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer
March 5, 2023

Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns.

Prelude: The Old Rugged Cross in Blues Style *arr. Hal Leonard*

HYMN: 401 The God of Abraham praise

Officiant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all righteousness.

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneeling and saying together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, o Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a goodly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise**

All say together: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O Come, let us adore him.

VENITE

All read together

BCP 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his and he made it, *and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down *and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, *and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

PSALM 121

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1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons

THE LESSONS

First Lesson – **Genesis 12: 1-4a**

The Reader says: A reading from the Book of the Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded *the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him *throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; *he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Second Lesson – **Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17**

The Reader says: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to
lighten the Gentiles, *and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Third Lesson- **John 3: 1-17**

The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of John

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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Officiant : The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant : Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Officiant and People together:

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, for ever and ever. Amen

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V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

Officiant:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant:

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

Officiant and People together, all standing.

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.

The Prayers of the People for the Season of Lent

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our Diocesan Bishop and, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor who we now name from our **prayer list (.....)**,

Art Baker	Catherine Zbiegien	Anne Staple
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Marion Sweet
Shirley Reali	David Dutcher	Dominick Patierno
Charles O'Neill	Georgia Northup	Velma Kirsch
Mark Maginn	Jess Sojka	Erick Kroll
Fr. Jim Heidt	Donald Early	Brenda Outwater
Meribeth Seaman	Vincent Rescigno	Chrissy O'Connor
Carmine Franco	Christine Vecchio-Flaim	Lisa Newman
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Beth Robinson-Cain	Arlo Bird
Sandie Latimer	Lucretia Reed	The Allesì Family
Jim Hoffman	Ryan Pope	AnnMarie Hunter
Angela Markel	Elena	

all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [**especially _____**], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: We pray for the people of the Church of the Province of South East Asia and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Melter Jiki Tais.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince Grenville Singh.

In our Diocese of Central New York; we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals; we pray also for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego and their priest, the Rev. Trula Hollywood and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oxford and their priest, the Rev. David Hanselman. We pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, our loved ones, our communities, and your church.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
Officiant and People

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

HYMN: 637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude: Forty Days and Forty Nights *arr. James Mansfield (1927-2018)*

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Leader for this Service: Wayne Osborne
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: Grace Millington, LeeAnn & Wayne Towne II

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M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of every Month
AA Breakfast Meeting 2nd Sat. of every Month

NA

Mon: 7 PM
Fri: 7 PM
Sat. 11:30 AM

Cathy Ziemba Funeral-It is with a saddest heart I must inform you all of the passing of Cathy Ziemba. She has been a supply organist of Zion in the past. Her funeral will be March 11th at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 108 W. Court St., Rome. Her family would like to thank this congregation for all the prayers during this most difficult time.

**THIS SATURDAY INTO SUNDAY
MAKE SURE YOU SPRING
FORWARD**



THIS SUNDAY: The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023-9 AM-Morning Prayer in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Leader	Wayne Osborne
Lay Readers	Annette Clark-Hani
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of March



NEXT SUNDAY: The Third Sunday in Lent:
March 12, 2023-9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & On Zoom

Priest:	Rev. Naomi Sorrwar-Randall
Lay Readers	Jane Padrón
Acolyte	Jennifer Swinney
Altar Guild	Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi
Church Opener	Annette Clark-Hani-Month of March