

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* Ashford

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

What does the call require?

Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross.

Aligning our soul with God’s.

We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our lives to save it.

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our souls. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus’ way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage. May it be so. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 130 NRSV

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 500 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sometimes we think we know better than you do. We make our own attempts to save ourselves and others from the cross-filled path you have called us to walk. Help us to get behind you, because it has become easier to rely upon ourselves, rather than on your strength and presence. Grant us grace and help us to let go of our need for control so that you and your way might be our guide and path forward. Amen.

Words of Grace

Dear ones, may the God of compassion, Jesus the wounded healer, and the Holy Spirit who shapes and transforms us anew, grant you peace and hope for your soul. For we know that the One who calls us to follow in the way of Jesus is merciful and offers the consolation of love in a world of empty promises.

We are forgiven, be at peace. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. Over 95% of our budget is directly supported through our offering. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially: There is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.

+ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Prayer of Dedication

**Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross,
and to follow. Rather than exchanging our souls, may the sharing of
these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the
name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 3:13-35 CEB

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Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“This Little Light of Mine”

Joyful Noise

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Our Savior

**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
debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

+ Closing Hymn No. 458

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“A Happy Heart”

Price

The prayers for the Second Sunday in Lent Year B were written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott,
Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. [https://www.ucc.org/worship-
way/lent-2b-february-25/](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/lent-2b-february-25/)

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



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February 25, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Zion United Church of Christ

Union, Missouri

Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Lee Parks

Ushers: Paul & Shanna Brinker Greeter: Linda Kinworthy
Sound System Tech: Dan Mossoney

(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

Usher Dismissal - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

Coffee/Fellowship Hour will be in the lower commons each Sunday following the worship service.

Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds - Help build our Lenten Labyrinth that Feeds by bringing in items for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry. Donations of canned goods/non-perishable items and toiletry items will be collected until March 24th.

Lenten Offering - This year's Lenten Offering will be shared with Your Other Mother Pregnancy and Positive Parenting Center in Union. This non-profit organization promotes positive parenting, building stronger families and bringing healthy accountability into unhealthy situations. Lenten offering envelopes are located by the offering plate for your donations.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

David Pehle	Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho
Frank Fazzari	Charlotte Ellison	Sondra Jackson	Fletcher Simons
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Norma Kern	Carol Bean	Kim Yenser
Keith Stahlman	Virginia Maune	Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)	Mike Matthews (friend of Carolyn George)		David Borgmann (brother of Fern Dewert)
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)
Linda Barnhart (sister of Fern Dewert)	Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)		Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)
Shirley Brand (friend of Gerry Hoelscher)	Liz Klemme (daughter/sister of Armin, Norma & Phil Klemme)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)
Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)	Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)
Myrt Dunigan	Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		Shirley Thompson (mother-in-law of Connie Thompson)
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)			
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)			
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)			
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)			
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)			
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)			
The Henle family (family of Susan Merlino)			
Nick Cain (grandson of Verlyn Yarbrough)			

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Phyllis Fink & family on the death of her mother, Doris Feth, who died on February 20th.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	Morgan Jones (friend of Connie Thompson & Amy Eads)
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)	Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)
Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)	Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Allen Coffman (friend of David & Shawn Pehle)	Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)
Donna Eime (friend of Jim Doehring)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)
Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)
Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)	

Various Concerns:

Prayer for our country and those actively serving: Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Hunter Grafrath (currently deployed) (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)

Adult Education Opportunities

JOY Adult Class - The JOY Adult Class meets in the lower commons classroom following worship. All are invited.

This Morning - *The Discussion Class* meets in the conference room following the 9 a.m. worship service. All are welcome!

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

Wednesdays – The first two Wednesdays of each month all are invited to LOGOS where we will have an 'out of this world' experience! Join us from 5-7:30 p.m. for music, bible stories, games, crafts, & a family style meal. The meal is served at 6 p.m. with a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of the Zion LOGOS meals.

Camp Registration Is Open! – Summer camp registration is open for all Camp MoVal Camps. Zion members receive a 60% discount thanks to camp scholarships. Contact the church office for your discount gift certificate. Register for camp at the Ultracamp website. Click the REGISTER TODAY button at www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval to be directed to Ultracamp.

Children's Music Opportunity – Our children's music group 'Joyful Noise' for grades K-6 rehearses on the last two Wednesdays of the month beginning at 6 p.m.

Church Calendar – February 25, 2024 to March 3, 2024

Today -	The 2nd Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
Wed., Feb. 28 -	10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (chapel)
	11:00 a.m. March newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (chapel)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (chapel)
Thurs., Feb. 29 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (lower commons)
Fri., Mar. 1 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Mar. 3 -	The 3rd Sunday in Lent/Communion
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour

Mon., Feb. 26 – Final newsletter articles for the March 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, February 26th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, February 28th beginning at 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fri., March 1 - Camp MoVal Benefit Trivia Night –The benefit Trivia Night for Camp MoVal is ***SOLD OUT!!*** If you would still like to donate items for the Silent Auction please bring them to the church office. Thank you.

Sun., March 10 & Sun., March 17 - The Security Committee recently updated the Safety Policies at Zion Church and would like to review them with the ushers. Two dates have been set up for this brief overview. Please join us on *either* of the following dates: Sunday, March 10th or Sunday, March 17th. We will meet in the sanctuary following the morning worship service. Thank you for your time!

Cemetery Clean Up - Spring clean up at the Zion Cemetery will be from March 1st to March 31st. Please remove any items you may want to keep before these dates and they may be placed back after March 31st. Thank you!

Lenten Study - This year's Lenten Study will focus on the Gospel of Mark. We will cover its origin, unique contributions to Christianity, literary style, and ways in which we modern readers can interpret this Gospel. The study is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the lower commons. (2/28 & 2/29, 3/6 & 3/7, 3/13 & 3/14, and 3/20 & 3/21).

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Handbell Ringers Needed – Zion Ringer's are needing handbell players to play along with Zion Ringers, Joyful Noise, and Chancel Choir for Easter. **NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Please contact Karen Stafford for more information.

Help Thyself - We have had a very successful year supplying meals and desserts to many participants and are pleased with the results. Please do not be shy - if you are in need of a helping hand with meals, please take advantage of this program. The meals are in the freezer in the kitchen in the Lower Commons. Please Help Thyself. Also, please mark the chart on the front of the freezer if you are donating or receiving a meal. We are grateful to the volunteers who prepare the meals and who financially donate to this cause. Thank you very much. Any questions or suggestions please contact Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159) or Jane Ridder (314-520-7090).

Little Food Pantry – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.