

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Songs of the Cross" Hughes

Call to Worship

God's love is for all of creation.

**The vastness of God is for humans, animals, soil, and sun, all together as God's beloved.**

God has not come into the world in Jesus to condemn us.

**Jesus has come to live God's love in the flesh.**

While the world is dim with injustice and the feeling of loneliness,  
**it is in Jesus that the light of love illumines our path of friendship.**

Come, let us join our lives with the Friend, whose love is for the whole world.

**Let us worship God!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O God who is Friend, the vastness of your love flows through all of creation, and this is cause for rejoicing. For all the harshness and condemnation, we see in the world, you have come to us out of love, and compassion, and to save us from ourselves. We acknowledge our belief that you have come to redeem, heal, restore, and forgive, not just some of the world, but all of the world. May our worship embody the love and light you bring in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 106:1-13, 43-48 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess there are moments when we desire to see you bring condemnation on others or wish that your love was not for the whole world, but just a few. Like us. But your love is bigger than our limited lenses, broader than our small scope of vision of all that love embodies. Help us to see the world as you do. Help us to love as you do. Release us from our need to condemn and set us free for love. For, it is what you came enfleshed to show us. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Jesus has come into the world not to condemn it, but to set us free by love. Know the grace of God surrounds you and keeps you in love now and forever.

**We are forgiven! Praise 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](http://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

**Thank you, God, for loving us to the very ends of the earth and back. Your willingness to say yes to coming in the flesh to redeem our world through love and no to the powers of oppression has led us to give of ourselves generously this day. Take these gifts and multiply them across this world that you love so extravagantly. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 4:35-41 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“Ah, Holy Jesus”*  
Karen Stafford, pianist

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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. 515

*“Hymn of Promise”*

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of *Fletcher Simons*.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Lord of All Life”*

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The prayers for the Fourth 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-4b-march-10//>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT

+ The Fourth Sunday in Lent +

March 10, 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

# MARCH 10, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jeanne Lischer

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, Delores Musket Greeters: Dave & Linda Hall  
Sound System Tech: Jason Dewert Video 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** - During March, we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which helps when disasters strike globally. OGHS provides immediate relief when needed during disasters. Offering envelopes are in the March newsletter and are also available by the offering plate.

**This Morning & Next 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: this morning or next Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the sanctuary following the morning worship service. Thank you for your time!

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

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

### **Sympathy Is Extended to:**

Colleen & Andy Simons & Christy Kahn on the death of their husband & father, Fletcher, who died on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNiell (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Thurs., March 28** – Bring your children/grandchildren to the **Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt** on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following the Maundy Thursday Service. If you plan to attend please contact Alysha Petry at 636-583-2814 or [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org). Bring your Easter baskets!

**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](http://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 – March 10, 2024 to March 17, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Usher 'Refresher' Training (sanctuary)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Green Team (fellowship hall)</b>
<b>Mon., March 11 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
<b>Wed., March 13 -</b>	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (chapel)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	5:00-7:30 p.m. LOGOS
	6:30 p.m. Zion Ringers (chapel)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (chapel)
<b>Thurs., March 14 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (lower commons)
<b>Fri., March 15 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., March 17 -</b>	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Usher 'Refresher' Training (sanctuary)</b>

**Easter Lilies/Benevolent Gift** - If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory/honor of a loved one(s) the cost will be \$18 per plant. In lieu of a lily you may give a monetary donation to the Little Free Pantry/Union Food Pantry. Deadline to place order for Easter lilies is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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**Help Thyself** - The Help Thyself committee is always the happiest when we see the prepared meals and desserts disappear from the freezer in the Lower Commons freezer. Please continue to Help Thyself and continue to enjoy the prepared meals from the Zion's participating great cooks. Thank you so much to those cooks. Any suggestions are always welcome - pass them on to any of the committee members. Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090), or Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159)

**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.