

# Palm Sunday

March 24, 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

*“Palm Sunday”*

Hughes

Call to Worship

People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,  
**Riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.**

Shout your hosannas in the street and the sanctuary.

**Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!**

Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

**Hosanna, come and save us!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, “Hosanna in the highest!” Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Zechariah 9:9-12 NRSV

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 113

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way and we confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Dear ones, embrace this word with courage. Leave your fear behind, for it does not have the last word and does not have to be the donkey you ride in on. God offers you the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that you are forgiven and embraced in God's tender arms of love.

**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

**God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn No. 265

*“All Glory Laud and Honor”*

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. 257

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Behold the King!”*

Smith

---

The Service Prayers for Palm/Passion Sunday Year B were written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.  
<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/palm-passion-sunday-b-march-24/>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*



+ Palm Sunday +

March 24, 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 24, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Ken Rohrbach

Ushers: Jeff, Denise & Connor Muller Greeters: Ron & Pam Griffin  
Sound System Tech: Jason Dewert Video Tech: Blake & Camden Dewert  
(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. Today is the last Sunday for 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.

**"These Days" for April-May-June** are now available in the literature rack at the top of the staircase.

## 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)	
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey & son-in-law of Sondra Jackson)			

### **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)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)

### **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. There will be **NO** class on Easter Sunday.

**This Morning** - *The Discussion Class* meets in the conference room following the 9 a.m. worship service. All are welcome! There will be **NO** class on Easter Sunday.

## 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!

**Please Note** – There will be **NO** Christian Education/Faith Quest on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 24, 2024 to March 31, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Wed., March 27 -</b>	10:00 a.m.	April newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon	Loops of Love
	6:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise & Chancel Choir (together in chapel)
<b>Thurs., March 28 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Quilting Circle
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b>
<b>Fri., March 29 -</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>
<b>Next Sun., March 31 - Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</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. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE.**

**Mon., March 25** – Final articles for the April ‘Spirit of Zion’ newsletter are due in the church office. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Holy Week Worship** – **Maundy Thursday** Communion/Foot Washing Service at 6:30 p.m.; **Good Friday** Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.; **Easter Sunday** Communion Service at 9:00 a.m. (bring a flower for the Living Cross). The Faith Quest “Living Cross” Easter video presentation will be part of the morning worship service.

**Zion’s Women’s Retreat Planning Team** needs help collecting items for an upcycled craft. We are collecting used blue jeans and gallon ice cream buckets. The blue jean legs will be cut into one-inch strips for basket weaving. Drop off your jeans and ice cream buckets in the lower commons by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**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.

**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.