

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 14, 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            *“Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life”*            Kendall

Call to Worship

Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

**“Peace be with you.”**

When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”**

Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

**Let our lives be witnesses of these things.**

Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 4 NRSV

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 569            *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is oppression, bring justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Loving God, thank you for the assurance of your grace. You grant us all your peace. Help us to trust in your peace, especially in times of conflict. Believing you will bring peace in our hearts, and to all the earth. Guiding us, so that all may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace.

**In his name, we pray. 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

**May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 6:1-13 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Zion Ringers

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. 502

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Sortie in C”*

Marchant

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Today’s Liturgy was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-3b-april-14/>

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**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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**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

# APRIL 14, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young

Ushers: Sandy Stierberger & Jim Vemmer Greeter: Kevin Vorderbruegge  
Sound System Tech: Wayne Bean 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.

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

**This Afternoon** - Zion will be hosting a fundraising concert for Eco Tones Musicians this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Free will donations will be accepted which will help pay for musicians for the concert. Following the concert there will be light refreshments of cookies served in the fellowship hall.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune
Frank Fazzari	Charlotte Ellison	Sondra Jackson	Kim Yenser
Kevin Vorderbruegge	Norma Kern	Carol Bean	
Keith Stahlman	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 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.

**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](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 – April 14, 2024 to April 21, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m. Eco Tones Concert (sanctuary)</b>
<b>Mon., Apr. 15 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Wed., Apr. 17 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	6:00 p.m. Zion Ringers rehearsal (chapel)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Apr. 18 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
	7:00 p.m. Lower Commons in use
<b>Fri., Apr. 19 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Sat., Apr. 20 -</b>	9:00 a.m. Lower Commons in use
<b>Next Sun., Apr. 21 -</b>	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Zion Fellowship Brunch</b>

**Mon., Apr. 15** – Newsletter articles for the May 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**Sat., Apr. 20** – The Grape Country Cluster of UCC Churches will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration at Camp MoVal on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person (if eating lunch at camp, children age 4 & under are free). The day will include service projects at the camp (bring gloves, work boots or water boots, clippers and/or pruners). Following lunch there will be options for a hayride, hiking, boating, green burial discussion and green show & tell. Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/mw9te38s>

**Suns., Apr. 21 & 28** – Zion's Green Team will be collecting used ink jet and toner cartridges on April 21 & 28. Bring your cartridges to our table and learn how and what to recycle. The Green Team will take the collected cartridges to Earthbound Recycling.

**Next Sun., Apr. 21** – Zion Fellowship will have a Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Bring a food item to share and ideas for possible future events for the group. Anyone is invited!

**UCC Women's Retreat** – The Missouri Mid-South Conference Women's Retreat will be held May 3-5, 2024 at Camp MoVal. The theme for the weekend is *God's World, Handle with Care*. We will focus on caring for God's world while presenting hope for the future of the Earth and everything in it. Join us for engaging speakers focused on earth-friendly living and climate change and its impact on the environment and diversity. Engage in eco-friendly interest groups such as gardening for pollinators, soap making, upcycling crafts, "green" Bible studies, service projects, camp activities, and many more. We will explore God's creation and work together to recognize THERE IS SOMETHING EACH OF US CAN DO to care for God's world. Join us for the full weekend or the day-only option. Full Weekend Cost: \$150 (registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrv6uchp>) Day Only Cost: \$75 (registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/5ha84ey7>) **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

**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!

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