

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 21, 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 "Jesus, My Lord" Frick

Call to Worship

When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

**When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.**

When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

**When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.**

We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

**Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.**

Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

**Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Holy God, you sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give you thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in protecting the oppressed and marginalized. We pray this in gratitude for your provision. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

John 10:11-18 NRSV

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 473 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Mission Moment – Green Team Skyler Grimm Harden & Tabitha Grimm Nolting

Call to Confession *Adapted from I John 1:8- 2:1b-2*

Prayer of Confession

**Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us, we confess our unwillingness to support those in need. Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in times of trouble. We aren't always bold enough to protect the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or comfortable. Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one another, and to you. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, receive this comfort. It is impossible to respond to every need in this complicated world. A full life of faith gives us the grace to lay down our work, take the rest we need, then refocus our energy toward the cause of the oppressed. Rest in the shelter of your Good Shepherd, knowing you can take up the cause again with restored souls.

**We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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

Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us  
and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for  
others in our communities and around the world. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 6:14-29 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

*“Nobody Knows but My Lord”*

Chancel Choir

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. 560

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Festive Song of Praise”*

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Today's Liturgy was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in  
Waupun, WI.

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*



+ The Fourth Sunday in Easter +

April 21, 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

# APRIL 21, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Delores Musket

Ushers: Brad Parker & Connie Thompson Greeter: Gale Claggett

Sound System Tech: Wayne Bean Video Tech: Gil Bisjak

(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.

**This Morning & Next Sun.** - 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. Stop by and ask any questions about recycling from the Green Team.

**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!

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Sondra Jackson	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Norma Kern
Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman	Myrt Dunigan	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)		
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)		
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)		
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey & son-in-law of Sondra Jackson)		Randy Gortney (son-in-law of Hettie Becker)		

### **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 21, 2024 to April 28, 2024

<b>Today -</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>
<b>Wed., Apr. 24 -</b>	10:00 a.m. May newsletter assembled (fellowship hall) 12:00 noon Loops of Love 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Apr. 25 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., Apr. 26 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Apr. 28 -</b>	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>

**Mon., Apr. 22** – Final articles for the May 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**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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**Help Thyself Meals** - This program has been going well for over a year and a half which we are delighted to report. There can always be more participation if there is additional need. Called to Care visitors will be more than happy to help those in need by bringing a meal or two when they come for a visit. They just need the information. If a friend or neighbor is aware that you need meals just let them know as well and they can certainly pick up meals and get them to you. We are so happy to help you with a helping hand. 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) and 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.

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**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch  
**Minister to Youth & Families:** Alysha Petry  
**Organist:** Brenda Herring  
**Music Director:** Dr. Karen Stafford

**Administrative Assistant:** Connie Thompson  
**Coordinator of Elementary Youth:** Mandy Frick  
**Council President:** Jane Wilson  
**Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley