

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

May 12, 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 "Prelude on 'Slane'" Martin

Call to Worship

Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

**We give God all our praises.**

Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

**We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.**

Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

**The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.**

Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 15 NRSV

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 548 "Come, Great God of All the Ages"

High School Graduates Recognition

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all. Strengthen us to do better and to become better together in our relationship with you and all of creation.

**Hear our prayer, O 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

Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 6:53-7:23 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn No. 492

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

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. 465

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*"Lift Up Your Songs of Praise"*

Saint-Saens

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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-7b-may-12/>

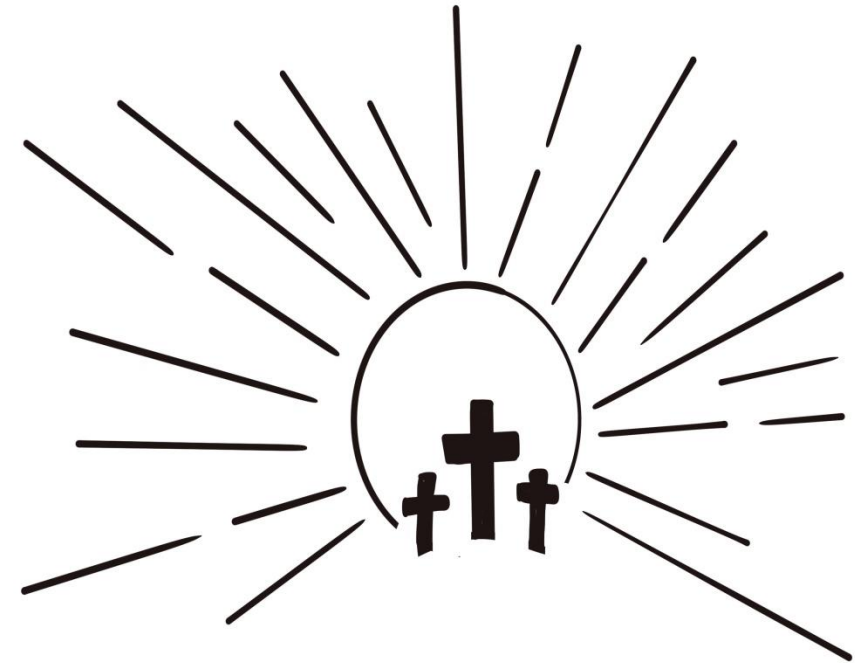
We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*



+ The Seventh Sunday in Easter +

May 12, 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

# MAY 12, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry  
Ushers: Ron & Pam Griffin Greeters: Skip & Pat Buehrle  
Sound System Tech: Matt Herring Camera 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.

**High School Graduates Recognized** - This morning we will be celebrating our high school graduates during the morning worship service. Those graduating this year are Maddie Buehrle, Ashley Frick, Danyell Mossoney and Matthew Wilson.

**Bread for the World Offering of Letters** - Stop by the table in the lower commons this morning to sign letters to our representatives in congress to help end hunger.

**Church World Service Blanket Sunday** - This morning is our annual Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Each blanket is \$10 and can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Stop by the table in the lower commons to make your donation.

## 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	Felicia Scott	
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)		
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

**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.

**'Joyful Noise'**, Zion's children's music group, will return in September.

### Church Calendar – May 12, 2024 to May 19, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship/Recognition of High School Graduates</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Mon., May 13 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
<b>Wed., May 15 -</b>	10:00 a.m. Membership Review (conference room)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., May 16 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., May 17 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., May 19 -</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>

**Historical Display** – Stop by the Historical Cabinet to view pictures of Margy Schowe in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Zion Fellowship Event** – Zion Fellowship will be attending the Dinner and Murder Mystery Event at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Reservations have been made for 24 people. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board. ***Deadline for sign up is May 13<sup>th</sup>.***

**Wed., May 15** – Newsletter articles for the June 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Sun., May 19** – The Security Team is planning a fire drill next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> toward the end of the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Memorial Day Parade** – Zion is planning to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone interested is asked to sign up on the lower commons bulletin board or contact the church office by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Zion Book Club** will be meeting on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The next book the group will be reading is "The Flower Sisters" by Michelle Collins Anderson. All are welcome to join the group!

**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.

**Little Free Library** – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

**Zion Ringers** will return in September.

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**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:** Fern Dewert

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