

The 6th Sunday in Easter

May 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* Paxton

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song,

Our God has done marvelous things!

God has remembered their steadfast love and faithfulness.

May all the ends of the earth see the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Let us break forth into joyous songs and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord!

Let the sea roar and all that fills it;

The world and those who live in it!

Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy!

Praise the Lord!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious Host, you welcome us to your table. The banquet is set before us. We gather in your name, seeking guidance, rest, and hope.

We marvel at your handiwork and are in wonder at your faithfulness.

Gather us in, feed us with your word, satisfy us with your Spirit, and send us into the unfolding song of life. In the name of the hosts of all

hosts, we pray, Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 98 NRSV

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 500 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

Prayer of Confession

Hey God, sorry for getting back to you so late. We know you’ve sent the invitation a while ago. Life has gotten busy, we are tired, weary, and worn. We confess that when you invited us to an abundant life, we didn’t realize we didn’t have to wait to get started. Maybe we didn’t want to believe how serious you were when you told us to love our neighbor and my enemy or to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and protect your creation. Help us, O God, confess our sin that we might begin anew... as we pray together...

Holy God, you tell us that your kingdom is at hand, that the banquet has begun. And yet we confess that the pettiness of living too often gets in the way. You call us to be servants to all and to gain our lives, we must lay them aside. Forgive our apathy, forgive our complacency, and forgive our sins. Encourage us, strengthen us, and bless us as we worship you so that we might leave this place ready to be your faithful servants to a world you love so much. Amen.

Words of Grace

God’s invitation to the beloved community does not expire. Nor does God’s grace and mercy. You are not your thoughts, you are not what you have done, you are not what you might do, you are a beloved child of God.

In the name of God, our sins are forgiven. God’s grace has always been enough, we are forgiven and free! 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.

+ 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

Generous One, we give thanks to you for the abundance of your creation. Endow us with a spirit of generosity. Bless these gifts we dedicate to you. Bless us in our stewarding of these gifts. Let us never forget the responsibility we have to use these gifts in the building of your realm, which has no end. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 6:30-52 CEB

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

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Special Music

“How Beautiful”

arr. Larson

Kirk Hancox, soloist

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 695

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Holy Communion

Invitation

Remembrance

Invocation

God of banquets and backyard barbeques, bless by your Holy Spirit these gifts of your creation. Help us to gather your people, serve your creation, and be ready to leave this place in the good hope that your realm has gotten a little closer. May this meal serve as a reminder that we are always invited to pull up a chair and share in your grace. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving following Communion

Gracious host, we give you thanks for this meal and our shared time together. May it strengthen us for life’s journey. Granting us the courage and resolve to be your people, to love generously, to hope relentlessly, and to do the good that is ours to do. Bless us, that we may bless the world. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 515

“Hymn of Promise”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“He Reigns Triumphant”

Denton

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 Sixth Sunday in Easter +

May 5, 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 5, 2024

Communion Sunday - We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Carl & Jane Ridder
Ushers: Ron & Pam Griffin Greeter: Sandy Bailey
Sound System Tech: Matt Herring
(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.

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 Vorderbrugge	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 McNeil (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 3rd 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 - **PLEASE NOTE:** Wednesday - May 8th will be the last times for LOGOS until September.

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 to be directed to Ultracamp.

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

Church Calendar – April 28, 2024 to May 5, 2024

Today -	The 6th Sunday in Easter
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
Tues., May 7 -	7:00 p.m. Security Team (conference room)
Wed., May 8 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	1:00 p.m. Membership Review (conference room)
	5:00-7:30 p.m. LOGOS
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., May 9 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
	6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., May 10 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., May 12 -	The 7th Sunday in Easter
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Recognition of High School Graduates
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour

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

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High School Graduates Recognized – Next Sunday, May 12th, 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 – Next Sunday, May 12th, stop by the table in the lower commons to sign letters to our representatives in congress to help end hunger.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday – Next Sunday, May 12th, we will again have 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.

Zion Fellowship Event – Zion Fellowship will be attending the Dinner and Murder Mystery Event at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on Saturday, June 8th. 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 13th.**

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 19th. Thank you!

Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 28th 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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