

The 4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

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 "Jesus Is My Life" Kendall

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 71)*

In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.

In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.

In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope and trust.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NRSVUE

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and active citizens of your kin-dom. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, love never ends. You reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God. The Holy One knows you well and calls you good. Receive the grace of God to live a life that ever transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love.

We are forgiven, 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. 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

Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. May each offering be a seed that will grow, spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 4:21-30 NRSVUE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...
Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
Chancel Choir

arr. Raney

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.

An Affirmation of Faith - A New Creed, The United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Remembrance

Special Music

“This Do In Remembrance of Me”

Hunnicutt

Chancel Choir

Invocation

Let us pray,

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements

The Lord’s Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Nicholas will place a piece of bread in your hand. Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice, and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ’s presence and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets of our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 603

“In Christ There is No East or West”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Unto God Be the Glory”

Martin

Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay,
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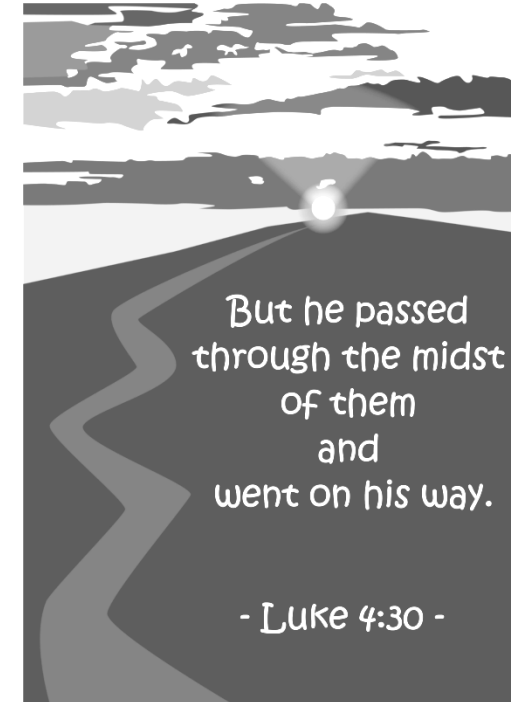
We commit ourselves...

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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Union, Missouri

Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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: Karen Tucker

Ushers: Daryl Hartley & Harvey Mefford Greeter: Kevin Vorderbruegge

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Alan & Sharon TenEyck

Camera Tech: David Bean Sound 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.

Historical Display - Eden Seminary (Part 1) is on display in the Historical Display Case during the month of January. Stop by to view photos of its first two locations.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Youth will be collecting monetary donations and canned good items for the Little Free Pantry and the Union Food Pantry this morning and next Sunday.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzen	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Sarah Berghorn
Keith Stahlman (at Stonebridge in Owensville)		Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)		
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)		Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
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)		
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Norma Laubinger (sister of Hettie Becker)		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)		
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)		Whitney Henle (granddaughter of Susan Merlino)		
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips)		

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	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)	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 (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)

Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Adult Education Opportunities

This Morning - The JOY Adult Class begins meeting again this morning in the lower commons classroom. They will be discussing the book *'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk'* by John Pavlovitz.

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

This Morning - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; Preschool - ages 3-5 will meet in the Preschool Room (the nursery); Faith Quest - grades kindergarten-5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; Confirm NOT Conform - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Next Sun., Feb. 9 – Intergenerational Sunday School – all classes meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

Church Calendar – February 2, 2025 to February 9, 2025

Today -	The 4th Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., Feb. 5	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 5:00 p.m. LOGOS 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thurs., Feb. 6 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle 2:00 p.m. Outreach Team (conference room) 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Fri., Feb. 7 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Sat., Feb. 8 -	4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Feb. 9 -	The 5th Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School/Fellowship Brunch

Wednesday Night Activities - Schedule for the first TWO Wednesdays of every month (through April)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Adults: (Re) Membership with Pastor Nick: Join the conversation on what it means to be a member of Zion and a member of the UCC, and discuss the historical legacy of the denomination and our church.

Youth: LOGOS programming for K-12th grade youth with Mandy & Alysha.

Preschool: Hallelujah Kids music exploration, movement, and games for kids aged 2-kindergarten with Karen.

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:45 -7:30 p.m.

LOGOS Games continue for Youth

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sun., Feb. 9 – Zion Fellowship is hosting a brunch during the February Intergenerational Sunday School Event. Everyone is invited to join the brunch after worship. Please bring a side dish to share for the meal. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Sun., Feb. 16 – Congregational Meeting of Zion UCC will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. *Annual Reports with the Annual Meeting Agenda are now available on the table in the upper commons. Please take ONE per family. Thank you!*

Fri., March 7 - The Grape Country Cluster of Churches is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit Camp MoVal on Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, Missouri. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include soft drinks, beer, and water. No outside beverages are allowed, but you can bring your own snacks. Tables hold eight people, but smaller groups can be paired up. Zion is sponsoring two tables of eight. Sign up at the lower commons bulletin board to be on a team. There are three ways to support the event: purchase tickets to attend, donate silent auction items, or sponsor a round (an opportunity to advertise your business/activity/event.) Pick up a silent auction form at the office or email Alysha apetry@zionunion.org to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round, e-mail Jeff Remelius at bemchurchpastor@gmail.com. Help us support the camp by supporting this fun event.

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!

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