

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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 *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”* Hughes

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

We gather to hear God’s liberating word of love.

Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

And may it be enacted in our lives!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. May it form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 NRSVUE

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 24 *“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement. Let today’s Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to imagine on our own. By Your abundant outpouring of Spirit lighten every burden carried from yesterday’s past. Cleanse the lens of our hearts, that we may see more clearly your vision of a world made new. Yes, forgive us and free us for this delight you yearn to offer, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, hear the good news: In Christ, God has declared that you are no longer captives to the past. All that you have carried, the Holy One has lifted. The eternal love of God, made known in Jesus Christ, has anointed you anew. You are forgiven and invited to join in the joy of God’s great vision for your life. Thanks be to God who has fulfilled this in your hearing.

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

**We thank you, God, for loving us into the freedom of a generous life.
Bless these gifts we bring in response to the blessing you have already
given us with the gift of life. Form our lives anew into living offerings,
sharing Your love with a grace that frees others. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 4:14-21 NRSVUE

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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. 68

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The closing hymn is sung in memory of **Richard L. Haverstick**.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“The Power and the Glory”

Nordman

Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany Year C was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.
<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-epiphany-3c-january-26/>

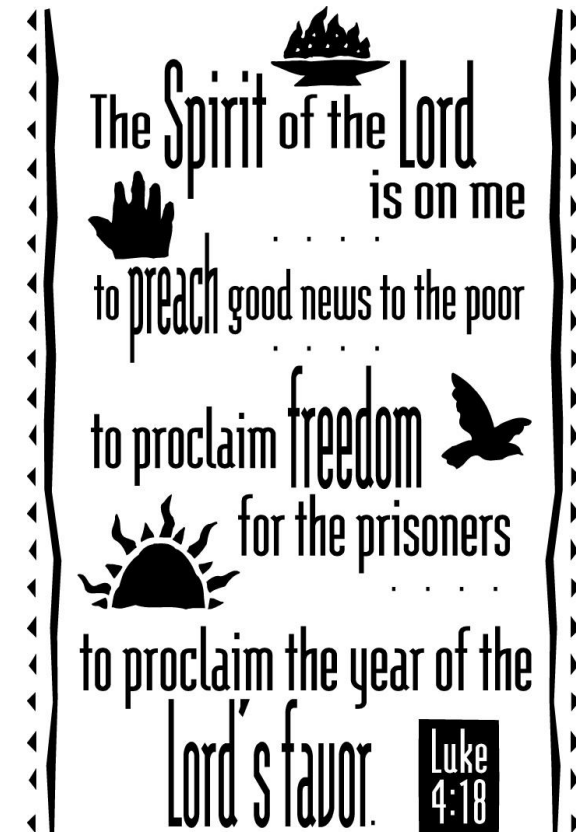
We commit ourselves...

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

JANUARY 26, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Lee Parks

Ushers: Wayne Bean & Richard Young Greeters: Carl & Jane Ridder

Sound System: Ken Rohrbach Camera Tech: David Bean

(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.

This Afternoon - Everyone is invited to the "MLK Celebration: Mission Possible" this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the ECC John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center. Keynote speaker is Bishop Eric D. Morrison. The event is sponsored by Neighbors United Undoing Racism.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbrugge	Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman
Sarah Berghorn	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)		
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)		
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)				

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Nicole Branscum & family on the death of her grandmother Doris (Griffin) Ackmann who died on January 6.

The family of Stan Heidmann who died on January 14. Service was on January 25th with Rev. Knoblauch officiating.

The family of Richard Haverstick who died on January 17.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNiel (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.

Church Calendar – January 26, 2025 to February 2, 2025

Today -	The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., Jan. 27 -	10:00 a.m. Audit committee (conference room)
Wed., Jan. 29 -	10:00 a.m. February newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:00 p.m. Drumming Circle
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thurs., Jan. 30 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Jan. 31 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Feb. 2 -	The 4th Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Mon., Jan. 27 – Final articles for the February 2025 Spirit of Zion newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, January 27th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, January 29th beginning at 10 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 29 – Community Drum Circle on Wednesday, January 29th at 6 p.m. in the chapel. Invite a friend! For questions contact Karen Stafford.

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.

Help Thyself Meals - HELP THYSELF meals program has had two successful years with the endeavor and we plan to continue as a service to those that need a bit of support in the future. These meals are for anyone in need of a bit of help with meals during the week. We want you to help yourself. The meals and simple desserts are in the freezer in the kitchen in the Lower Commons kitchen. This is a reminder to mark the chart on the front of the freezer for taking meals or bring meals to donate to those in need. If anyone needs assistance in receiving meals please contact one of these people: 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!

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday-8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays)

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