

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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            *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*            Rutter

Call to Worship

There is a good word for you if you are weary.

**It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.**

There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

**It is the Word of Hope, “Do not be afraid!”**

There is a good word that needs to be heard.

**It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

**Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 NRSVUE

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 428            *“When Peace Like a River”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Friends, hear the words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid!” There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do, beginning now. We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life. Not only are we forgiven, but we are also sent to fish for others, whom God also yearns to gather with the net of holy love. This is the Good News! You can trust it with your life.

**Thanks 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

**God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Yes, form us deep in Your heart for this good and gracious work. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 5:1-11 NRSVUE

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**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“Lord, Here Am I”*  
Kirk Hancox, soloist/pianist

Althouse

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. 581 *“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”*

Benediction

Postlude

*“Promised Land”*

Carter

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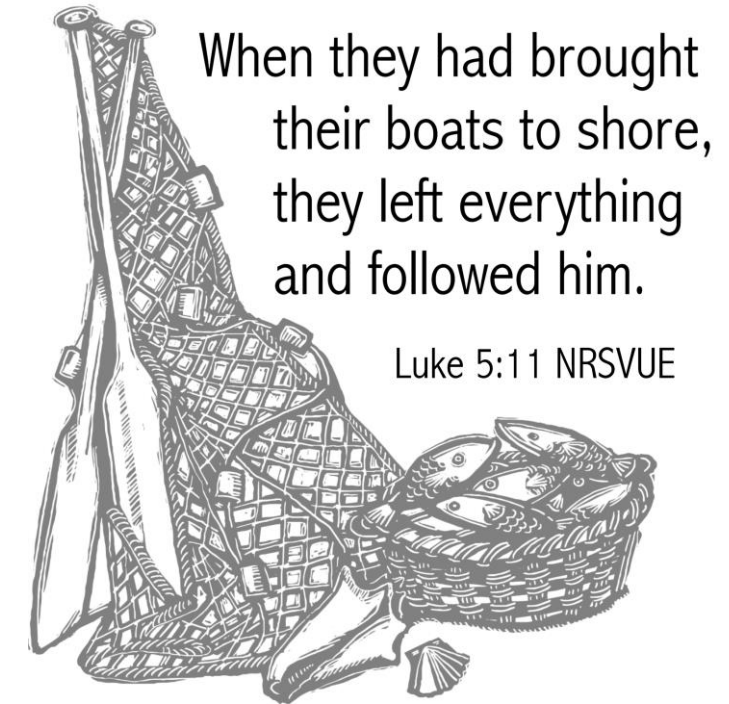
**We commit ourselves...**

**to worship God**

**to form faithful followers of Jesus**

**and to care for our wider community.**

*We care as Christ cares.*



When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:11 NRSVUE

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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

# FEBRUARY 9, 2025

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Maxine Harrison  
Ushers: Daryl Hartley & Harvey Mefford Greeters: Ken & Carol Rohrbach  
Camera Tech: Gil Bisjak Sound Tech: Dan Mossoney  
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

**A special thank you** to Kirk Hancox for being our pianist this morning. Thank you!

**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.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Sarah Berghorn
Hettie Becker (recovering from fractured pelvis/ribs)		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 McNiell (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)	Bob Peters (friend of Bill & Fern Dewert)
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 (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 beings 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** - Intergenerational Sunday School - all classes meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Sun., Feb. 16** - 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; *Confirm NOT Conform* - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

## Church Calendar – February 9, 2025 to February 16, 2025

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School/Fellowship Brunch</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Green Team (classroom)</b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 10 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
<b>Wed., Feb. 12</b>	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m. LOGOS
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
<b>Thurs., Feb. 13 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., Feb. 14 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Feb. 16 -</b>	<b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>

### **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-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Next Sun., Feb. 16** – Congregational Meeting of Zion UCC will be held next 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](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org) to receive a digital form. To sponsor a round, e-mail Jeff Remelius at [bemchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto: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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