

The 1st Sunday in Lent

March 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 "Jesus, Dear Savior" Koury

Call to Worship

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So, may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we love to ask you questions. We love to throw our wonderings at the sky, to bring our curiosity to your feet, to examine, beseech, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear. Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken a penchant for listening, and make room in our spirits for your Word to land. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 NRSVUE

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 557

"Pass it On"

Camp Moment

Alysha Petry + Abbie Dewert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, Amen.

Words of Grace

Family of faith, when we set limits on love,

God loves extravagantly.

When we forget that we are neighbors,

God claims us as God's own.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,

God surrounds us with grace.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

This is the good news of the gospel. 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 and gracious God, help us recognize you in the faces of the neighbor and the stranger. Bless these gifts for the good of your welcome. Help us be your servant people to all who cross our path. In the name of our host of hosts. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 NRSVUE

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 560

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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. 523

“Soon and Very Soon”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Praise, O Christ, To Thee!”

Trusselle

Service Prayers for the First Sunday in Lent were written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC| sanctifiedart.org.” From the Lenten Series “Everything [In] Between”.

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



everything
[in] between
stranger & neighbor

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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

MARCH 9, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, John Crane Greeters: Bill & Fern Dewert
Camera Tech: Dan Mossoney Sound Tech: Jason Dewert
(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 - The Historical Display Case during the month of March features Betty Zumwalt. Stop by the display to see pictures of Betty and her family.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - During March, we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which helps when disasters strike globally. OGHS provides immediate relief when needed during disasters. Offering envelopes are in the March newsletter and are also available by the offering plate.

Lenten Offering - This year's Lenten Offering will be divided between Grace's Place and Loving Hearts Outreach. Lenten envelopes are available by the offering plate for your gifts.

"These Days" devotionals for April-May-June are now available in the literature rack at the top of the grand staircase.

This Morning - A Special Congregational Meeting has been called by the Church Council this morning immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to get congregational approval for repairs to the fellowship hall not to exceed \$20,000.

This Morning - Intergenerational Sunday School in the fellowship hall following worship. Join us for a 'camp' themed lesson!

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Sarah Berghorn
Hettie Becker	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)		
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)		Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		

Sympathy Is Extended to:

John Phillips & family on the death of his father, Jake Phillips, who died on February 23.

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)
Bob Peters (friend of Bill & Fern Dewert)	Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)
Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)	

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 meets 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., March 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-5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; *Confirm NOT Conform* - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar - March 9, 2025 to March 16, 2025

Today -	1st Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)
Mon., March 10 -	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., March 12 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	11:00 a.m. Lenten Reflection (chapel)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m. LOGOS
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thurs., March 13 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	1:00 p.m. Historical Team workday (historical room)
	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., March 14 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., March 16 -	2nd Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Wed., March 12 - Green Team/LOGOS Adult Education Forum - Do you wish you understood what and how to recycle the waste from your household or business? Do you wonder why recycling is important or if it is even helpful at all? The Zion UCC Green Team and LOGOS invites you to join us on March 12th from 5-6 pm for a special adult educational forum. Vickie Moore from EarthBound Recycling will be presenting to us the "Why, What, and How of Recycling" and will answer your questions. Founded by her husband, Bob Moore, EarthBound Recycling is located in Eureka, MO and states their mission is "to minimize waste, find homes for unwanted items, and recycle as much as we possibly can." A Family Style Dinner and fellowship will follow the presentation. A minimum of \$5 donation is suggested to help support Zion's LOGOS dinners.

Lenten Bible Studies - Lenten Bible Studies will be held on the following dates/times/areas:

- Wed., March 12 - 11:00 a.m. (chapel); 5:00 p.m. (fellowship hall - led by the Green Team)
- Wed., March 19 - 11:00 a.m. (chapel); 6:00 p.m. (lower commons)
- Wed., March 26 - 11:00 a.m. (chapel); 6:00 p.m. (lower commons)
- Wed., April 2 - 11:00 a.m. (chapel); 5:00 p.m. (lower commons)
- Wed., April 9 - 11:00 a.m. (chapel); 5:00 p.m. (lower commons)

During the month of March - Spring clean up at the Zion Cemetery will be from March 1st to March 31st. Please remove any items you may want to keep before these dates and they may be placed back after March 31st. Thank you!

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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