

# Palm Sunday

April 13, 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

*“Ride On, O King, Ride On!”*

Martin

Call to Worship

On this day, Jesus marched in between the city walls and the Temple,  
**in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,**  
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,  
**in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

**So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.**

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle. Hosanna in the highest!

**Hosanna in between!**

Gathering Prayer

**Speaking God, most days we are inundated with noise. Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling. Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes. Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise. So in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours. Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news. Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will. And show us how to release the rest. We are listening. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Luke 19:28-44 NRSVUE

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 265

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Great Creator, forgive me when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive me when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

**Creator God, forgive me when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God’s voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! 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](http://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

**Holy One, we gather this morning in your grand procession. Ready to hear your word and follow in your way. May the gifts we present to you be blessed and used according to your will. By your grace, bless us and this place for your glory. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 19:41-48 NRSVUE

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“A Celtic Set for Lent”*

Keesecker

Karen Stafford, pianist

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. 424 *“How Can I Keep From Singing?”*

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of **Paula J. Sutton** and **Kenneth J. Staten**.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Festival March on ‘St. Theodulph’”*

Hughes

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Service Prayers for the Palm Sunday 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  
shouting & silence

+ Palm Sunday +

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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

# APRIL 13, 2025

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox  
Ushers: Sandy Stierberger, Jim Vemmer Greeter: Verlyn Yarbrough  
Camera Tech: Gil Bisjak Sound 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** - The Historical Display Case during the month of April features pictures and history of Eden Theological Seminary. Stop by the display to see pictures of Eden Theological Seminary.

**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** - Intergenerational Sunday School lesson on Palm Sunday- all are invited to meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

**This Afternoon** - This afternoon there will be a Grand Zither Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington beginning at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. See the flyer on the lower commons bulletin board for more information.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Sarah Berghorn	
Carol Bean (at Life Care Center in Sullivan)		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)				

### **Sympathy Is Extended to:**

David Sutton & family on the death of his wife Paula who died on April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
The family of Ken Staten. Ken died on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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)
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)	Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)	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 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 lesson on Palm Sunday– all classes meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Thurs., April 17** – Bring your children/grandchildren to the **Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt** on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> following the Maundy Thursday Service. If you plan to attend please contact Alysha Petry at 636-583-2814 or [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org). Bring your Easter baskets!

**Next Sun., April 20** – There will be NO Faith Quest on Easter Sunday.

### Church Calendar – April 13, 2025 to April 20, 2025

<b>Today -</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Zion Cemetery Board (chapel)</b>
<b>Mon., April 14 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance (classroom)
<b>Tues., April 15 -</b>	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
<b>Wed., April 16 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (chapel)
<b>Thurs., April 17 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle 1:00 p.m. Historical Team Workday (classroom) <b>6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service</b> 7:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Fri., April 18 -</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service</b>
<b>Next Sun., April 20 -</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>

**Easter Lilies/Benevolent Donations** - If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory/honor of a loved one(s) the cost will be \$17 per plant. In lieu of a lily you may give a monetary donation to the Little Free Pantry/Union Food Pantry. Deadline to place order for Easter lilies is April 13<sup>th</sup>. You may fill out the form that is in the April newsletter or call the church office. Thank you!

**Holy Week Worship – Maundy Thursday** Communion/Foot Washing Service at 6:30 p.m.; **Good Friday** Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.; **Easter Sunday** Communion Service at 9:00 a.m. (bring a flower for the Living Cross). The Faith Quest “Living Cross” Easter video presentation will be part of the morning worship service.

**Sat., April 26** – On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> there will be an Earth Day Work day at Camp MoVal beginning at 8:30 a.m. to ?? Please let Jeanne Lischer know if you plan to attend (so we have a count for lunch). For more information check the bulletin board in the lower commons.

**Sun., April 27** - The Green Team will be leading a special Earth Day worship service on Sunday, April 27. Join us for scripture, hymns, and meditations from various writers about caring for the earth.

**Tues., April 29** - Are you concerned about climate change? A majority of Americans are, and yet it's hard to discern what the best solutions are. The Green Team and ECC's Green Committee is sponsoring an En-ROADS Climate Solutions Workshop on Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. at East Central College. This interactive workshop uses software developed by MIT Sloan; it offers participants the opportunity to suggest solutions and then test those solutions and consider other factors (cost, economic impact, etc.) The workshop will be held in HS100 (Health Sciences Building).

**Wed., April 30** – Meditative Drum Circle is back. Come join in community with others. Music experience not needed at all; only an open heart and open ears. Join us on Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

**Joyful Noise and Alleluia Kids** will resume in the fall.

**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!

**CASA Is Looking For Volunteers** - CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Our trained Volunteer Advocates spend one-on-one time with these children, understanding their needs and concerns to advocate for them in court, ensuring their journey in foster care is safe and supported. There are children in our area who need a CASA! The next CASA volunteer training session starts at the beginning of June with an **application deadline of May 16th**. To apply, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit [www.casamideastmo.org](http://www.casamideastmo.org) or call 636-583-4422.