

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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 *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* Paul Manz

Call to Worship

God, strengthen our faith,
By firing up our imaginations.
Because we know the Holy Creator works through us.
So we can begin to stitch back together our community!
Powerful images are not empty or without meaning.
But true symbols that guide us to probe this war-filled world.
Isn’t this why God gave us an imagination anyway?
So we can look with the eyes of faith beyond surface impressions.
To see what is really going on in our world.
In order to recreate new worlds of flourishing for all!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.
**Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer, we come as standard-bearers
of your love, offering our disconnected lives in return for your unity.
May we know you in this place, not as lone individuals but as faithful
fragments seeking to be made whole again. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture Revelation: 21:1-5, 10 & 11, 22-27 CEB
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...
Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 569 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creating God, in selfishness and insecurity, we have traded your healing
for our hatred...
Your calling for our comfort...
Your truth for our traditions...
Your covenant for our conventions...
Your faithfulness for our fragmentation...
Your care and our convenience...
Your solidarity for our self-righteousness...
Your promise for our praise...
**Forgive us, we pray. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know
you, and by knowing you, we may once again be made whole. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, hear the good news: God’s love never fails us. Even in
our division and despair, God desires to be made known.
We are forgiven. We are welcome. We are one. 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

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Revelation 22:1-7 CEB

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Special Music

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

Paul Klemme, organist

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. 723

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“Improvisation on ‘A Mighty Fortress is our God’”* Paul Klemme

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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.



Then I saw
a new heaven and a new earth...
...Then the one seated on the throne said,
“Look!
I’m making all things new.”

Revelation 21:1a & 5 CEB

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

SUNDAY NEWS

MAY 25, 2025

Our guest organist this morning is Dr. Paul Klemme, son of Armin & Norma Klemme. Paul is Minister of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, Oregon. He is also Artistic Director of the Willamette Master Chorus at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Welcome and thank you!

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Carol Rohrbach
Ushers: Mary German & Karen Tucker Greeters: Lee & Susan Newman
Camera Tech: David Bean Sound Tech: Alysha Petry
(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.

Historical Display - The Historical Display Case during the month of May features pictures of Rev. Armin Klemme who will be celebrating his 100th Birthday in May!

This Afternoon - The family of Armin Klemme is inviting everyone to celebrate his 100th Birthday with an Open House this afternoon from 1-3 p.m. in the Zion fellowship hall.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan	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)		Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
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)	
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)		Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)	
Randy Gortney (son in law of Hettie Becker)			

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)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)	

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 in the lower commons classroom. They are discussing the book 'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk' by John Pavlovitz.

Church Calendar – May 25, 2025 to June 1, 2025

Today -	The 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 1:00-3:00 p.m. 100th Birthday Celebration for Armin Klemme
Mon., May 26 -	Memorial Day (Church Offices will be closed)
Wed., May 28 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., May 29 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., May 30 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., June 1 -	The 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting (sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Next Sun., June 1 – There will be a Special Congregational Meeting next Sunday, June 1st following the worship service in the sanctuary. This will be an informational meeting concerning the Hansen Trust.

Sun., June 8 – The congregation is invited to a Brunch Celebration in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Karen Stafford on Sunday, June 8th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Liz at 314-650-6345.

Sun., June 22 – Our worship on Sunday, June 22nd will be a Hymn Sing. Please let Jeanne Lischer or the church office know **by June 15th** your favorite hymn and we will include as many as possible. (Hymns do not need to be in our hymnal.)

Drumming Circle – Please note: There will be NO drumming circle until the fall.

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!

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