

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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 *“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!”* Ritter

Call to Worship

We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ, who remains with us for ever.

When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and peace grow.

We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide for ever in the assurance of your love; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 1 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 515

“Hymn of Promise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

Words of Grace

Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.
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

Gracious Giver, receive these gifts we humbly pray. May they be planted like seeds in our ministry, that will grow and flourish for the benefit of all. In your wonderful name we pray, Amen.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Gospel of Mark 16:1-8

Silence

Reflection & Prayer

The Gospel of Matthew 28:1-10 NRSVue

Silence

Reflection & Prayer

Hymn No. 300

“In the Garden”

The Gospel of Luke 24:1-12 NRSVue

Silence

Reflection & Prayer

The Gospel of John 20:1-18 NRSVue

Silence

Reflection & 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. 350

“The Summons”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Paeon of Victory”

Wetherill

Today’s Liturgy comes from our United Church of Christ Book of Worship.

Also used in today’s service is Cole Arthur Riley’s book “Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems and Meditations For Staying Human” 2024

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

APRIL 12, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young
Ushers: Sandy Stierberger & Jim Vemmer Greeter: Pam Klenke
Sound Tech: David Bean Camera Tech: Dan Mossoney
(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.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn	Gerry Hoelscher	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)	
Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)		Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)	
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)	
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)	
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		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)	
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)		Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)		Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)	

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyliss Fink)
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)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)	Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Jenny Brittingham (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)	Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Monty McGavock (brother of Kathy Young)	Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern 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)

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., April 19 - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; *Faith Quest* - preschool through 6th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 7-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar - April 12, 2026 to April 19, 2026

Today -	The 2nd Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)
Mon., April 13 -	6:30 p.m. Finance (classroom)
Wed., Apr. 15 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Apr. 16 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle

Fri., Apr. 17 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

Next Sun., Apr. 19 - The 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
2:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern Association Spring Meeting

Suns., Apr. 19 & 26 – Eco-Resources Display – Green Team members will be in the lower commons before and after worship with some of the many sustainable and/or recycled products that can help you in your journey to be a mindful consumer and faithful steward of earth's resources.

Next Sun., Apr. 19 – Zion will be hosting the Eastern Association Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 19 from 2-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the meeting in person or on Zoom. The theme of the meeting is "*Understanding Missouri Ballot Initiatives*" which include a panel discussion on the issues coming to your ballot. A flyer is posted on the lower commons bulletin board for more information.

Sun., Apr. 19-Mon., Apr. 27 – Silent Auction of Church Inventory – Zion will be having a Silent Auction in April to reduce excess inventory of church items. Items will be displayed in the fellowship hall from April 19-27 until 4:30 p.m. (Bidding on Sunday mornings or during regular office hours.) If you have any questions please contact Darlene Ahmann.

Sat., Apr. 25 – Earth Day Work Day at Camp MoVal – Volunteers are needed at Camp MoVal on Saturday, April 25th for an Earth Day Work Day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Equipment and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Alysha (apetry@zionunion.org) by April 20th.

May 1-3 – Women's Retreat at Camp MoVal – Registration is now open for the 2026 Conference Retreat at Camp MoVal from May 1-3. Registration is available for the full weekend (\$170) or day only (\$80). The theme is "*Be Still and Know*". Contact Alysha with any questions.

A Request from the Quilters – Zion Quilters are asking if you or anyone you know has quilts that need to be quilted to please contact the church office or one of the quilters. 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!

Please note! Styrofoam collection at biospan technologies is temporarily paused. The company needs to catch up on processing its current collection before collecting more. Please note this pause will begin on april 1st and will last for several months. We will let you know when this collection resumes.

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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry

Organist: Brenda Herring

Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford

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