

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 "Sun of My Soul" Price

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 66)*

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.  
**For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.**

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.  
**Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed their steadfast love from us.**

Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.  
**Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.  
**Holy and Present God, hear the sound of praise as we share this space and time gathered among you. May our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Let the Spirit of Truth live in our songs of adoration, prayers of intercession, and words of pondering. In your name, glory and honor. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

John 14:15-21 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...  
**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 424

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious and Eternal One, we proclaim that you breathe life into us and know us fully. Yet, sometimes, you remain unknown to us. Sometimes we search for you, and sometimes we fumble about for you. We rest in the assurance that when we seek you, we will find you. But there are times when we refuse to seek, refuse to search, refuse to fumble. There are times when we would rather keep you in compartments so that you will not fully impact our lives. There are moments when we close ourselves off from your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit.  
**Forgive us, O God, for not coming to you as you come to us—fully, persistently, and constantly—and give us strength to fumble and reach toward you in all seasons and at all times. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are known by God and received as you are—wonderfully and beautifully, but not perfectly made. Draw near to God, who knows your limitations and loves you. Seek the Holy One who recognizes your faults and finds the good in you. Search for the Spirit who discovers you on wayward paths and redirects you. Receive the God who comes to you with peace, grace, mercy, and joy. Come to the One who will not reject or rebuff you but will renew and restore you in hope and love.  
**Praise be to God, Alleluia, and 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

**Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts and hands  
that they and we might be of service in your kin-dom and for your glory.  
Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn No. 477

*“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*

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. 350

*“The Summons”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“A Song of Praise”*

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Today's Worship Materials come from Do the Works: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in  
Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology  
for the United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-5a-may-3/>

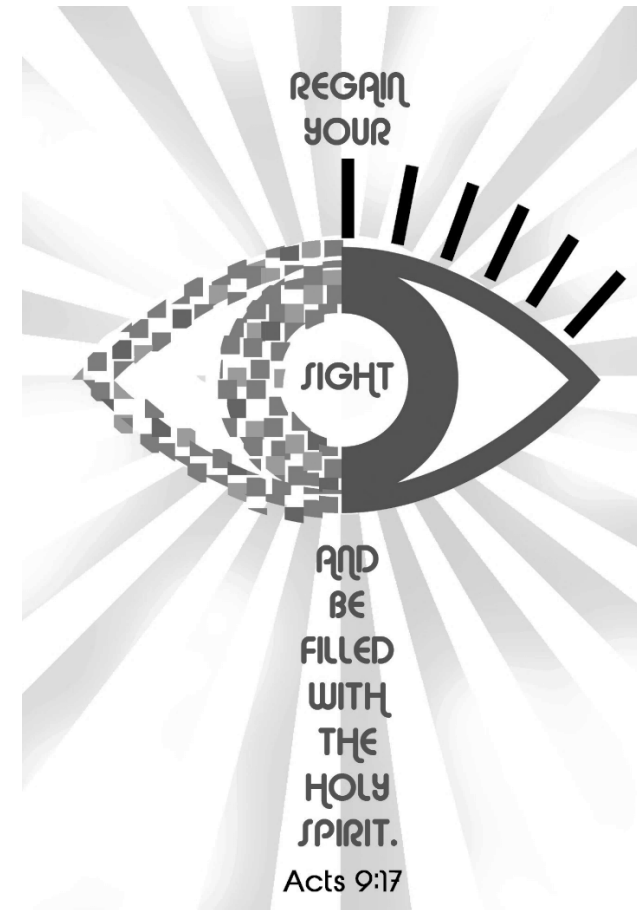
We commit ourselves...

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

# MAY 10, 2026

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jeanne Lischer  
Ushers: Ron & Pam Griffin Greeters: Alan & Sharon TenEyck  
Sound Tech: Matt Herring Camera 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.

**This Morning & Next Sun., May 17 - Bread for the World Offering of Letters** - The Outreach Team will again be sending letters to members of Congress advocating for funding for the hungry in the U.S. and nationwide. Please stop by the table in the lower commons to sign your letter.

**This Morning & Next Sun., May 17 - Church World Service Blanket Sundays** - We are again having our annual Church World Service Blanket Sundays this morning & next Sunday, May 17 for those who would like to donate a blanket in memory/honor of someone. Each blanket costs \$10 each.

**Graduation Congratulations** - Help us celebrate our 2026 High School graduate, Camden Dewert. Please stop by the graduation table in the upper commons and sign the card, which we will present to him on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzler	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 Phyllis 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; **Faith Quest** - preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 7-12 will meet in the high school room.

**This Morning & Next Sun., May 17** - This morning & next Sunday, May 17 the Bible Buck Store will be OPEN! Children will get to spend their Bible bucks they earned throughout the Sunday School year.

**Sun., May 17** - Please note that Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Faith Quest for the program year.

## Church Calendar – May 10, 2026 to May 17, 2026

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour</b>
<b>Mon., May 11 -</b>	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
<b>Wed., May 13 -</b>	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom) 12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., May 14 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., May 15 -</b>	11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Gerry Bedwell (sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
<b>Sat., May 16 -</b>	11:00 a.m. Graduation Watch Party for Alysha Petry (fellowship hall)
<b>Next Sun., May 17 -</b>	<b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship/Confirmation Sunday/Graduation Recognition</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour</b>

**Wed., May 13 – June Newsletter articles due** – Articles for the June 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The June newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Sat., May 16 – Graduation Watch Party for Alysha Petry** – Everyone is invited to the Zion Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to join in the 'live stream' of Alysha Petry's Graduation from Phillips Theological Seminary. The commencement ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Please bring a light lunch or appetizer to share and your own drinks.

**Next Sun., May 17** – Next Sunday, we will celebrate with 5 confirmands as they promise to be faithful servants of the Church. The following young people will be received through the Rite of Confirmation: Nora Brinker, Logan Cooper, Caeli Manhart, Elsie Saake- Gerstner & Barrett Short.

**Sat., May 23 – Shannondale Grand Opening** – The Green Team and Zion Fellowship are planning a field trip to Shannondale for the Grand Opening of the new Craft House on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll leave from church at 9 a.m. Please sign up by May 17<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Lischer.

**Sat., June 6** – Sixteen church members are signed up to go to the Dinner and A Show at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to pay Fern Dewert for your tickets.

**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! A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board.

**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

**Administrative Assistant:** Connie Thompson

**Coordinator of Elementary Youth:** Mandy Frick

**Council President:** Fern Dewert

**Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley