

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

He Is Lord

OPENING SENTENCES

L: I was glad when they said to me,

P: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

L: For surely this is the Lord's day, and this is the Lord's house; and we are God's people:

P: created and beloved, gathered by God as a community of faith, as the sheep of God's flock, as disciples of our shepherd, the living Christ.

L: Come, people of God, let us worship our God with thanksgiving and praise.

P: Let us worship our God with great joy.

*HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*OPENING PRAYER: **God of life and every good and wonderful gift, we linger in the mystery and the joy of Easter. We are grateful for your resurrection of Jesus and for the proclamation of the women who cried in disbelief that the stone had been rolled away and the grave was empty. Remind us again, Lord, of your unending love for us and of your call on our lives to follow Jesus as our shepherd and teacher and Savior. May we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd in our daily lives and be both comforted and unafraid to follow Jesus' ways of love, forgiveness, compassionate justice, and gratitude for your Creation. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23

John 10: 11-18

MESSAGE

Do You Know the Shepherd's Voice?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bonnie Bird family, Deb Cooper, Rusty & Mary Thies, Karen Cericola family, Melissa, Renewal Team & Congregation, Terri's Son in Law, Mary Fiedler Family, Marissa, Victims of war, Joan Hammitt, Cindy Harzheim, Estrella, Gary Splittstoesser family, Gretchen Kaszynski, Dixie Tonozzi, Doug Jakse, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Bill Vlastnik.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Give Thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **Receive our gifts, O God, along with our hopes and prayers that our tithes and offerings may be multiplied by your holy hands to transform lives, heal wounded spirits, teach loving kindness, and demonstrate the living out of your love. We pray this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

WE GO TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- The family of Bonnie Bird
- Paul, for health
- Rusty, for health

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Bonnie Bird. Bonnie passed away Friday, April 12. Funeral services were Tuesday, April 16 with Pastor Alex Garncarz officiating.

The Altar Flowers today are in Memory of Andrew Kelly on his birthday, April 23rd, from Mom, Dad, Bettianne, John, Duncan, and Josephine.

Thank you to Special Guest speaker Rev. Kathy Lawes.

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

The Renewal Team meeting will be at 6:00pm tomorrow.

CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)

Calling All CREW Members! Get ready for adventure, fun, and faith! Join us every Sunday at 9:00AM if you're in kindergarten through 6th grade. We'll have games, stories, crafts, and more that will help you grow in your faith and friendships! Mark your calendars and don't miss the boat. Bring your energy and excitement as we learn how God is at work in our lives and world. Parents and grandparents - bring your kids and grandkids to CREW this Sunday! *Watch for exciting news about VBS! Contact Shelly Garncarz if you would like to help with VBS.

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

We have started a Roof Fund. We need \$8,000 to order. The total for the project will be \$17,000.

Graduates to announce? Contact the church office!

Looking Ahead...

Ladies, save the date for:

"When Ladies Wore Hats"

*A Tea Party For Ladies Of All Ages

Saturday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 at Zion UCC

Bring your daughters, granddaughters, mothers and friends for refreshments, fun and entertainment. Hosted by Dixie Tonozzi and Kay Harding *If you have a hat you would like to wear, wear it, but hats will be provided for you to have fun with!

Musical Entertainment by Kevin Kramer

Reservation information:

Ladies over 12-\$5.00

Ladies 12 and under- \$3.00

To reserve your place, email Pastor Kay: pkh51@juno.com or call her at (815)993-9221 or sign up at church

Pentecost is Sunday, May 19th.

Music Sunday, when Zion celebrates God's gift of music to us, will be May 19th. This is the worship service that praises God through all types of music and all levels of ability. In addition to the choir, we celebrate the gifts of music given to all who perform music at any level. Anyone who wants to participate should contact Jim Greening. Let's celebrate God's gift of music and share it with others!

We will have worship and lunch at Pilgrim Park on Sunday, May 26th. Worship will begin at 11:15am. There will be a sign up sheet for lunch closer to the date. All are welcome!

Save the Date! The Annual Ice Cream Social will be Thursday, June 20th 4-7pm. The Peru Municipal Band will play 5-6pm weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is available in fellowship hall for helpers, cake bakers, and BBQ chefs.

Prayer Request List: If you have given a name for a prayer request, please update the office on how they are doing. If an update is not received within four weeks of a prayer request, we will assume they are doing better and will be removed from the list. You may always request that the person be placed back on the list. Thank you!

****HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**** Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the Peru PADS homeless shelter each month. Please open your hearts and wallets to support this important cause. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "PADS Meals." Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Together we can make a difference!

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be

prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

Copies of the hymns & large print copies of the bulletin are available in the Narthex.

Copies of "These Days" Devotions are available in fellowship hall.

The Zion UCC Messenger has gone to a digital format! The newsletter is now sent to your inbox monthly or bi-monthly. If you have not received the recent issue of *The Messenger*, please check your spam file or contact Erin at: office@zionperu.org. The Messenger is also available in print in Fellowship Hall and can always be viewed on our website: www.zionperu.org.

Waltham Presbyterian is having a Ladies Tea Wednesday May 8th – RSVP by May 1st at (815) 488-9520- see flyer on bulletin board for details!

Trinity UCC is having a Fundraiser at RIP's Chicken in Ladd May 15 & May 16th – Dinners are \$12.00 each. There will also be a Bake Sale! **Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Pastor Betty at (815)343-4420.

Summer Camps are open for registration!

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Secretary	Erin Lewis
Liturgist	Larry Grosenbach
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Laurie & Marty Johnson

Attendance:

Morning Worship April 14th-

In person: 31 (6 children)

On YouTube: 7

This week:

Monday, April 22th

6:00pm Renewal Leadership Team meeting

Tuesday, April 23rd

PADS Meal

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 25th

6:30pm Compassionate Friends Group meeting

Saturday, April 27th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, April 28th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

Followed by fellowship refreshments

Office Hours-*The secretary is in the office on Fridays

Monday: Closed

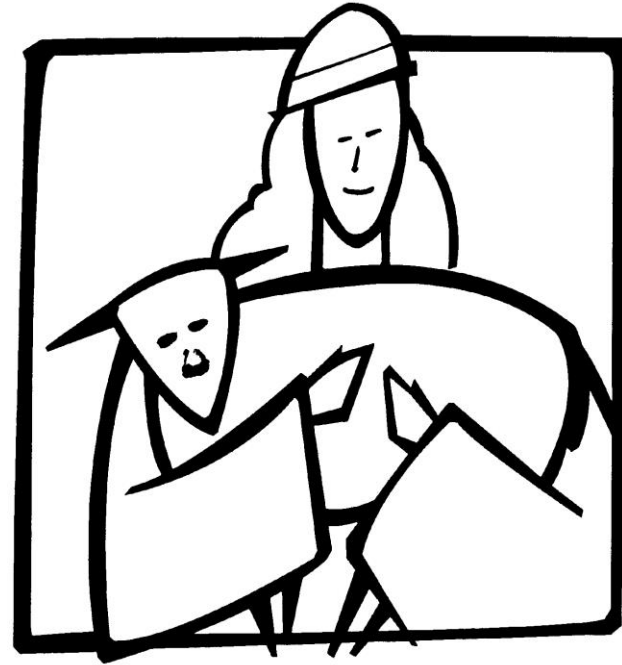
Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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One flock, one shepherd.
Jn 10:16

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