

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 15, 2026 10:15 a.m.  
(\* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

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### **WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Surely the Presence*

#### **\*OPENING SENTENCES**

L: We who have come to follow Jesus hear his voice, calling us to be apart for a little while.

**P: We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to new visions.**

L: The one who leads us will reveal to us who he is.

**P: May our hearts be open to God's bright glory, shining in the face of Christ the Son!**

\*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\*PRAYER **At his baptism, O God, you reminded us that Jesus is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Today we hear your words again, that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts, Lord, to hear his words, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve you in his spirit. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Just As I Am, I Come*

### **GOD'S WORD FOR US**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 17:1-9  
2 Peter 1:16-19

MESSAGE *Can't We Just Stay Here?*

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN *Sing of God Made Manifest*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Kevin Kramer Family, John Dergance, George Siebert, Hubert Keutzer Family, Lois Wilmot Family, Ed Lopeman, Stephanie Heilstedt, Larry Grosenbach, Karin, Chelsea, George, Arnie & Jan Watkins, Maxine, Crosby Family, Karen Hauser, Holly and family of Bob Antkowiak, Steve Theisinger, Debbie, Ristau Family, Family of Gene, Dixie, Dawn & Ron Narczewski, Deb Cooper, Ryan, Cindy Harzheim, Paul Lewis, Marilyn Haslam

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God*

#### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **OFFERTORY**

\*RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## **Announcements**

### **New Prayer Requests**

Dixie Tonozzi  
Nia Jarosz for Health  
Keith Jarosz  
Gary Bruch Family

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today. There is a new sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you would like to provide treats after worship.

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

Tune in to Pastor Alex every Sunday morning at 8:25 on 103.9 WLPO. Be sure to spread the word to your friends!

**Join the CREW!** Our Sunday School program, **CREW**, is meeting every Sunday at 9:00 AM. Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, games, crafts, and activities that help build faith and friendships. We're excited to see you this Sunday!

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays! We start at 6:30pm and you can participate in person at the church or Zoom on-line. The Zoom link can be found on our WEB page, [zionperu.org](http://zionperu.org). We will be discussing Episode 2 of season 4 of The Chosen. You can view that episode (and many other programs) by opening a free account on BYUtv. Let's continue to grow in faith and community together. See you Tuesday! All are welcome!

2026 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Zion Church again thanks you for your continued support during these hard times. Your generosity has been a blessing for the continued operation and mission of Zion

No Choir practice Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> or February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will practice on Sunday Feb. 15 & 22 at 9:00 am.

**Ash Wednesday** is February 18<sup>th</sup> and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ecumenical Lenten Services are Wednesdays at 7:00pm during Lent.

**February 18:** \*Ash Wednesday Service will be at Cherry UCC

**February 25:** Trinity UCC

**March 4:** Zion UCC

**March 11:** Spring Valley UCC

**March 18:** Waltham Presbyterian, Pastor Alex preaching

**March 25:** LaSalle Congregational

### **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday...7:00pm... Zion UCC

Good Friday.....Noon.....DePue UCC

Easter Sunday.....10:15am.. Zion UCC

**Zion Diners** will meet next on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Garzanelli's. Larry & Cheryl Grosenbach are your hosts. All are welcome!

**The Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship. If you have a report, please turn it into the office by Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Guild** meeting will resume on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm All Women are Invited!

### **Living Lord's Supper – March 29**

Zion Church will host a special Living Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 PM. Come experience the story of Holy Communion in a meaningful, visual way as we remember Jesus' last meal with His disciples and reflect on His love and sacrifice. This service offers a powerful opportunity for worship, prayer, and remembrance for all ages. All are welcome—please join us!

**Feeding the Future** – The Illinois Valley Food Pantry launched a major fundraiser to fund their new building purchase, necessary renovations, and expanded food programs —so that we can continue to serve the growing number of individuals and families in need across our region. Local individuals, churches and businesses are joining together to make this vision a reality. Learn more or donate at [www.ivfoodpantry.com](http://www.ivfoodpantry.com) or by contacting the Pantry directly.

**Did you know?** Copies of the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

**Prayer Requests In the Bulletin** We are grateful for the privilege of praying for one another. To help us keep our prayer list current, each new request will be included in the bulletin for four weeks. After that time, we will remove it unless we are asked to continue sharing it longer. If you would like a request to remain, please let us know—we want to walk alongside you in prayer for as long as you need.

Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the **Peru PADS homeless shelter** each month. 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. Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

**HELP WANTED!** Ushers: We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email [ushers@zionperu.org](mailto:ushers@zionperu.org) to be added to the ushers list. Evangelism: We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email [evangelism@zionperu.org](mailto:evangelism@zionperu.org).

**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.

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 \*Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions!

**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's the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

New copies of "These Days" are available in fellowship hall.

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**Attendance February 8<sup>th</sup> :** In Person: 46 + 9 children  
On YouTube: 10

**This week:**

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

NO CHOIR

7:00 Ash Wednesday @ Cherry UCC

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

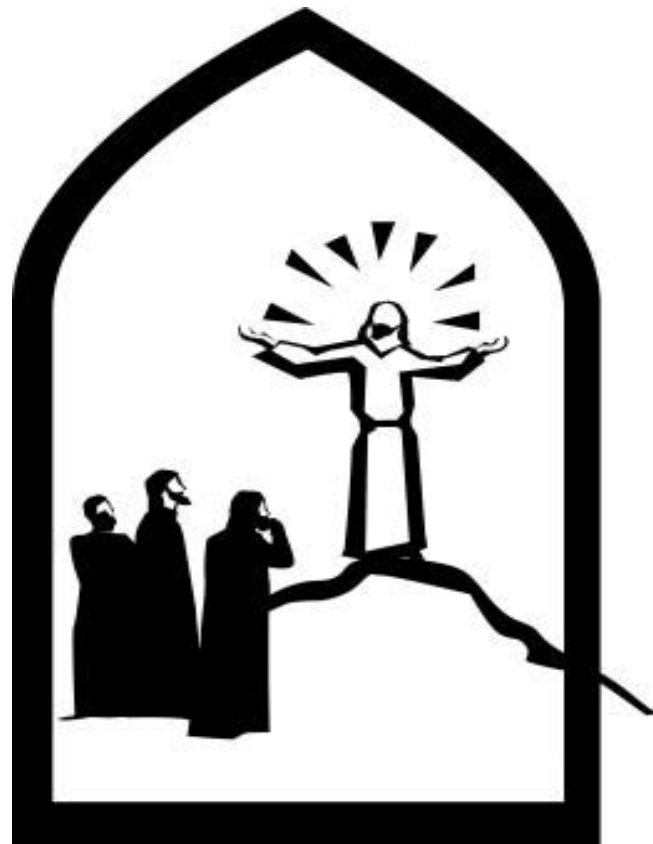
9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person or on You Tube

Annual Meeting

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