



# An Unlikely Lent

**“Unlikely Allies”  
Sunday, March 29, 2026**

## Palm Sunday

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace  
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.  
God has a word for you today!*

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THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\*INVITATION SONGS *"Awesome God," "Praise You"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Hosanna in the highest!*

Hosanna! Blessed is the coming reign of the Lord!

*Hosanna in the highest!*

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in humility and righteousness!

*Hosanna in the highest!*

Hosanna! Save us, O God!

*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Filled with Excitement"*

*UMH 279*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city, give us grace to recognize the king we proclaim, and courage to be a part of your kingdom, even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world, even when it leads us where we do not want to go. Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives of power and wealth and status. Embolden us to live aware of your blessings. Energize us to worship you in thanksgiving and praise. Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"He Comes in the Name of the Lord"*

*by Mary Kay Beall*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

*John 19:38-42*

*Unlikely Allies*

*Rev. Clay Lundberg*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Were You There" (vs. 1 & 5)*

*UMH 288*

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*UMH 95*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Depth of Mercy" (vs. 1 & 4)*

*UMH 355*

\*SENDING FORTH

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **SUNDAY, March 29th**

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.- **Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
4:00 p.m.- **STEM Sunday Funday**

### **TUESDAY, March 31st**

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins  
5:30 p.m.-Love Feast

### **WEDNESDAY, April 1st**

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
5:30 p.m.- **Lenten Supper/Devotion**  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, April 2nd**

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

### **FRIDAY, April 3rd**

7:00 p.m.- Good Friday Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, April 5th**

9:15 a.m.-**No Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.- **Easter Sunday**

### **TUESDAY, April 7th**

9:00 a.m.-UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, April 8th**

8:30 a.m.-Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m.-Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m.- Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, April 9th**

9:00 a.m.- Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

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## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & DEVOTIONS

Join us on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for our final Lenten Soup Supper/Devotion in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

## TODAY!!! : STEM SUNDAY FUNDAY

Join us today for STEM Sunday Funday, where faith and curiosity collide! As we journey through the days of Holy Week, we'll explore the story in a whole new way—through hands-on STEM challenges, creative experiments, and surprising discoveries. Come see how science, engineering, and the story of Jesus can spark wonder together! All are welcome to join us **today, Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

## GOOD FRIDAY

Join us on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for our Good Friday worship service in the sanctuary followed by a communion service in the Fireside Room.

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ON EASTER MORNING!

An Easter backdrop will be displayed in the narthex on Easter morning for taking pictures. Bring your camera or phone along with your family to take pictures. Then send Happy Easter greetings to family and friends.

## BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Non-perishable items only please!

## THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The Quilt of the week is a cowboy themed quilt named "Buckaroo". It is a twin sized quilt measuring 79" x 65".

**IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,  
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING.**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR .....	Rev. Clay Lundberg
MINISTERS .....	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST .....	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Janet Seames
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

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### ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday Worship – 80 Sunday School – 17 Online - 29

### FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 22ND, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 2,975.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 0.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 400.00

#### FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 26,500.53
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 21,100.05
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 4,775.18

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



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### PRAYER MARKER FOR MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>- APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026

#### LIFT IN PRAYER

Peter Blay  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
The Juntunen Family  
The Sondreal Family  
The O'Shaughnessy Family  
The Rowe Family  
Our Shut-ins

#### JOYS

Sunday Music  
Praise Band and Choir  
Love Feast  
Building Update Projects  
Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions

#### BIRTHDAYS

03/29 Renee Machart  
03/29 Kellie Burgess  
03/31 Diane Daucsavage