

*Mt. Zion UMC*  
*Thanksgiving Eve 2024*



Opening Hymn – UMH 694

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Opening Prayer:

**Loving God, on this Thanksgiving Eve, we come before You with grateful hearts. For the beauty of creation, the blessings of community, and the gift of Your unending grace, we give thanks. In moments of abundance and in seasons of challenge, You are faithful. Teach us to live with hearts full of gratitude, sharing Your love and generosity with others. May our lives reflect the joy and peace found in You alone. Amen**

Special Music – Congregation noon service

Choir 7:00 Service

**And in all things give Him thanks. And in all things let your gratitude shine through. And in all things give Him thanks, for He has given all things unto you. (twice)**

Joys and Concerns

**Prayer Song – People Need the Lord**

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

Pre-Message Video/Scripture: Psalm 136

Message - **"A Prayer of Thanksgiving"** – Pastor Shawn

**Closing Hymn – Count Your Blessings**

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed. When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings-name them one by one. And it will surprise what the Lord has done. Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings see what God has done. Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

Benediction

**Parting Song – UMH 672 God Be With You**



Our free will offering today will help the disaster fund thru UMCOR. You may leave your contributions in the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary.

Mt. Zion is grateful to you for coming to worship with us. As a token of our appreciation for your participation in today's service, you will receive a "love loaf" as you leave. Thanks to Joyce Lowe and Morissa Vollmerhausen for baking.

**Advent is coming.**

- **Advent 1 – Sunday December 1 The Gift of Hope**
- **Advent 2 – Sunday December 8 The Gift of Love**
- **Advent 3 – Sunday December 15 The Gift of Joy**
- **Advent 4 – Sunday December 22 The Gift of Peace**
- **Christmas Eve – December 24 The Gift of Jesus**

**Christmas Eve services will be held at  
3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**



**Calling all visitors to the manger. Mt. Zion will be offering a live community drive-thru nativity with animals. We are looking for shepherds, angels, a greeter and a traffic director and assistance with costuming. If you would like to be a part of this community offering, please see LaDonna, Pastor Shawn or Leslie.**