

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

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 *“God’s Matchless Gift of Love”* Martens

Call to Worship

Stretch out your hands. Reach out to Christ as you pray for healing in body, mind and spirit.

We lift up our hearts. We are blessed. We rejoice and are glad for God touches us in spirit and in truth.

Stretch out your hands to heal others.

We look for those who are troubled in their hearts, for those who are ill and grieving, so we can touch them with the healing love of Christ.

Lift up your faces and open your eyes to see the injustices in our world.

We raise our voices to speak God’s truth in love to those who oppress others, those who subvert the mechanisms of government for their own needs.

Reach out and touch the hands of others.

That we may be healed in turn.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Come Holy Spirit come, come Spirit of Pentecost, blowing through our hearts with the living presence of Jesus Christ Blow your Spirit through our clouded minds to grant us visions of what is possible when we act in the name of Jesus. Blow through our lives that we may

become vessels of God reaching out into the world with grace and forgiving love. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (KJV)

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 48 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we are often so wrapped up in our own concerns that we cannot hear the pain of others. We acknowledge that we are overly focused on our own selves that we do not perceive the needs of others. Come Holy Spirit, blow through our placidness, stirring us to action. Blow through the wilderness setting us free from doubt and stubbornness. Come, Lord Jesus, enter our hearts today. Amen

Words of Grace

When we were lost God sent to us a Savior. When we failed to grasp the meaning of his words, we nailed him to the cross, not only yesterday, but today. From that cross Christ calls out, “Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.” Christ reaches out healing hands to forgive us and set us back on the path of right living.

We believe in the grace and peace of Christ. We are forgiven. Alleluia!

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. Over 95% of our budget is directly supported through our offering. 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

With joyful thanksgiving we bring our gifts and offering to your altar of holiness. We bring our lives, for you call us to serve you and others. Accept us as we are, flawed beings that we may sometimes be, and make us compassionate missionaries in the name of Jesus who dwells within through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 2:23-3:6 CEB

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Special Music

“God of Our Life”

Women’s Chorus

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 696

“Come, Share the Lord”

Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Great I AM, you create the worlds out of nothing through your own thoughts. You create us in your likeness and fill us with your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ we become One in you. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us to comprehend, for you are both far and near. In our joyous awe all we can do is cry out,

Holy, holy, holy, all creation is filled with your glory.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, your name is sanctified forever.

We worship you, we adore you, we glorify you.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our Lord.

We remember how Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took break, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “This is my body which is broken for you.

And he took the cup, and after blessing it, he said, “This is my blood that is poured out for you. Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me for I am with you until the end of time.

Breaking the Bread. Pouring the Cup.

Bless these elements of bread and the fruit of the vine, that in partaking of them we may remember you are with us now and in the times to come. Amen

You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ Sharing of the Elements

The Lord’s Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Gil will place a piece of gluten free bread in your hand. Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice, and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.

+ Closing Hymn No. 486 *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“Chorus of Praise”* Johnston

Today’s Liturgy was written by Rev Dr. Gilford Bisjak, Minister of Mischief at Zion United Church of Christ, Union, Missouri.

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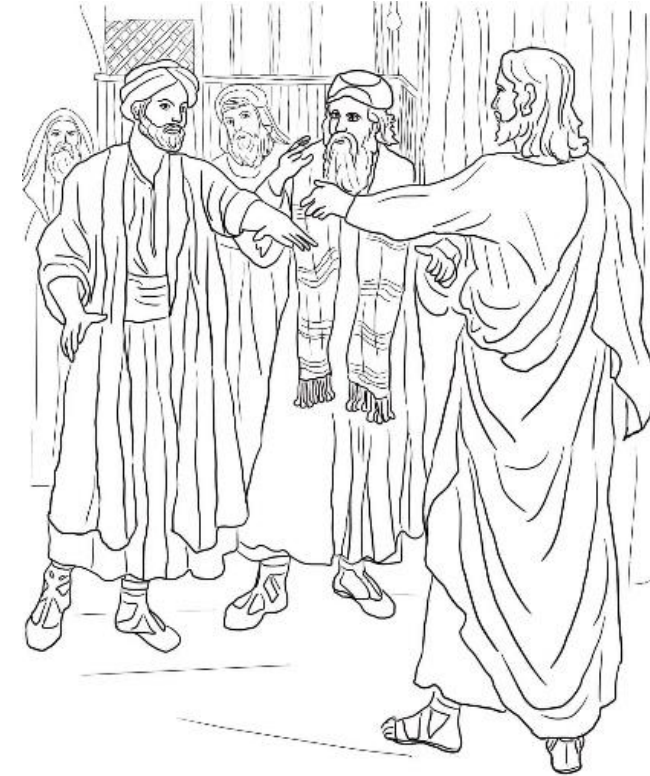
We commit ourselves...

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

JUNE 2, 2024

Thank You! Thank you to Rev. Dr. Gilford Bisjak for being our guest preacher this morning for Rev. Nick.

Communion Sunday - We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Lee Parks

Ushers: Vicki Hooper, Delores Musket Greeter: Kevin Vorderbruegge
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Alan & Sharon TenEyck
Sound System Tech: Wayne Bean 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.

Coffee/Fellowship Hour will be in the lower commons each Sunday following the worship service.

Annual USO Drive - During the month of June we will again be collecting items for the USO located at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. A 'wish list' of items needed is on a table in the lower commons along with a box for your donations. Thank you for your donations that help our service men and women traveling through St. Louis.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Sondra Jackson	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Norma Kern
Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman	Myrt Dunigan	Felicia Scott	Bob Barreth
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mike Matthews (friend of Carolyn George)		Shirley Brand (friend of Gerry Hoelscher)		
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)		
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)		
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Liz Klemme (daughter/sister of Armin, Norma & Phil Klemme)		
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)		Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)		
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		
The Henle family (family of Susan Merlino)		Shirley Thompson (mother-in-law of Connie Thompson)		
Randy Gortney (son-in-law of Hettie Becker)				
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey & son-in-law of Sondra Jackson)				

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNiell (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Skip Buehrle	Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)	Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)
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)
Donna Eime (friend of Jim Doehring)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)	Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)

Various Concerns:

Prayer for our country and those actively serving: Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Hunter Grafrath (currently deployed) (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)

Adult Education Opportunities

JOY Adult Class - The JOY Adult Class will not meet during June, July & August. They will be meeting again on September 8th and discussing the book *'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk'* by John Pavlovitz.

Discussion Class - *The Discussion Class* will not meet during June, July & August. They will be meeting again on September 8th.

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

Camp Registration Is Open! – Summer camp registration is open for all Camp MoVal Camps. Zion members receive a 60% discount thanks to camp scholarships. Contact the church office for your discount gift certificate. Register for camp at the Ultracamp website. Click the REGISTER TODAY button at www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval to be directed to Ultracamp.

Vacation Bible School – Save the date for Vacation Bible School this year from Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20 from 6-8 p.m. This year's theme is 'Scuba" diving into friendship with God'. Register on our website at www.zionunion.org and click on the Vacation Bible School link at the top of the page. Invite your friends!

Church Calendar – June 2, 2024 to June 9, 2024

Today -	The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Tues., June 4 -	3:00 p.m. Conference Room in use
Wed., June 5 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love 6:30 p.m. Lower commons in use
Thurs., June 6 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., June 7 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., June 9 -	The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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Vacation Bible School Donations Needed – Donations are needed for Vacation Bible School. Stop by the bulletin board in the lower commons to see what is needed. Each 'fish' on the board has one item listed on it. Please consider grabbing a fish and return it with the item by June 12th. Thank you!

Zion Book Club – Zion Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The book they will be discussing is "On Moonberry Lake" by Holly Varni. All are invited to join the club!

Zion Pool Party at Camp MoVal! – Everyone is invited to the Zion Annual Pool Party on Saturday, June 22nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Camp MoVal (2659 Camp MoVal Road in Union). Hot dogs and drinks will be provided – please bring a snack to share.

Help Thyself Meals - This program has been going well for over a year and a half which we are delighted to report. There can always be more participation if there is additional need. Called to Care visitors will be more than happy to help those in need by bringing a meal or two when they come for a visit. They just need the information. If a friend or neighbor is aware that you need meals just let them know as well and they can certainly pick up meals and get them to you. We are so happy to help you with a helping hand. Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) and Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).

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!

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