

# Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                    *“See How Great a Flame Aspires”*                    Smith

Call to Worship

God has done great things for us!

**We declare God’s mighty works with all we have!**

In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

**We declare God’s mighty works with all we have!**

We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.

**We worship the One who has blessed us with holy wisdom!**

Let us worship God together!

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Jesus, our sibling and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God’s love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we’ve found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God’s goodness. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Romans 8:22-27 NRSV

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 326                    *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it’s not easy to be bold in sharing how God’s love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus’ disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren’t expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God’s truth. Christ prays for us and guides our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.

**By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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](http://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

**Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 7:31-8:21 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*"African Psalm"*

Chancel Choir + Percussion: John Phillips, Alex Wanager, Matthew Wanager

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.**

+ Closing Hymn No. 329 *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*"Postlude on 'Azmon'"*

Phillips

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Today's Liturgy for Pentecost Year B was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC's Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-b-may-19/>

**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

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## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Shanna Brinker  
Ushers: Mary German Greeters: Pam Klenke  
Sound System Tech: Matt Herring Camera Tech: Dan Mossoney  
(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.

**This Morning** - The Security Team is planning a fire drill this morning toward the end of the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Memorial Day Parade** - Zion is planning to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone interested is asked to sign up on the lower commons bulletin board or contact the church office by this morning. Thank you!

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

## 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 Vorderbrugge	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 McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	Morgan Jones (friend of Connie Thompson & Amy Eads)
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 meets in the lower commons classroom following worship. All are invited.

**This Morning** - *The Discussion Class* meets in the conference room following the 9 a.m. worship service. All are welcome!

## 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](http://www.missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval) to be directed to Ultracamp.

**'Joyful Noise'**, Zion's children's music group, will return in September.

## Church Calendar – May 19, 2024 to May 26, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Mon., May 20 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Wed., May 22 -</b>	10:00 a.m. June newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
<b>Thurs., May 23 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., May 24 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., May 26 -</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>

**Historical Display** – Stop by the Historical Cabinet to view pictures of Margy Schowe in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Mon., May 20** – Final articles for the June 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office by Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Next Sun., May 26**- The Klemme family invites you to come to the lower commons following worship to have a piece of cake, coffee, and greet Armin for his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday (please no gifts). His birthday is May 21, 1925.

**Zion Book Club** will be meeting on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The next book the group will be reading is "*The Flower Sisters*" by Michelle Collins Anderson. All are welcome to join the group!

**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!

**Zion Ringers** will return in September.

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**Pastor:** Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch  
**Minister to Youth & Families:** Alysha Petry  
**Organist:** Brenda Herring  
**Music Director:** Dr. Karen Stafford

**Administrative Assistant:** Connie Thompson  
**Coordinator of Elementary Youth:** Mandy Frick  
**Council President:** Fern Dewert  
**Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley