

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 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 *"In Remembrance of Him"* Taylor

Call to Worship

Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago.

To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear God, Jesus has called us to welcome children as a way to welcome you. Teach us the way to make the last first and to be servants of all. Guide us in your way of humility and service. Show us how to become disciples of Jesus Christ your Child and our brother. We ask for blessings on all your children in our holy family. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 127 NRSV

+ Opening Hymn No 72 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we often have not welcomed the children as Jesus has commanded. Too many children in our community and world suffer from violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. We know that if we were to join together to welcome and care, to celebrate and honor our children we would save ourselves and our world. We need forgiveness. We want to make amends. We want to change. We want to learn to welcome all children, for in loving and caring for them, we welcome your reign of justice and peace. Amen.

Words of Grace

We give thanks for our savior and teacher Jesus Christ, who was born among us as a child needing nurture and care, and grew to reveal your power to make all things new.

We give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow in discipleship. Thanks be to God! 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.

+ 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

O God, you who have given us life, you who have made every child a holy child, we give you thanks. May we open our hearts now and give generously to you and to your church – for the sake of the children who are our future. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 9:20-50 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“A Lord Built House”

Lentz

Kirk Hancox, soloist

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. 719

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Today’s Liturgy was written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater of San Diego, CA.
<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-17-september-19-2/>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.

“Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me.”

MARK 9:37, NRSV



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

June 16, 2024 9:00 a.m.

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 16, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, Verlyn Yarbrough Greeters: Ken & Carol Rohrbach
Sound System Tech: John Crane Camera Tech: David Bean
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

A special 'Thank You' to Kirk Hancox who is playing the piano for our organist while she is away.

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.

"These Days" devotionals for July-August-September are now available in the literature rack by the grand staircase.

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)		Margy Schowe	Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)	
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)		Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		
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 16, 2024 to June 23, 2024

Today -	The 4th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., June 17 -	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
Tues., June 18 -	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
Wed., June 19 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love
Thurs., June 20 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle 1:00 p.m. Historical Team (conference room)
Fri., June 21 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Sat., June 22 -	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Zion Pool Party at Camp MoVal
Next Sun., June 23 -	The 5th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting (fellowship hall)
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Green Team (classroom)

Mon., June 17-Thurs., June 20 - 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'. If you would like to register to volunteer or register your kids, grandkids or friends, go to our website at www.zionunion.org and click on the Vacation Bible School link at the top of the page.

Tues., June 18- 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!

Wed., June 19 – Newsletter articles for the July 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Wednesday, June 19th.

Sat., June 22 - 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.

Next Sun., June 23 – Special Congregational Meeting – Zion Church Council has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 23, 2024, following the worship service in the fellowship hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve the bid for tuck pointing the church.

Sun., July 21 – Do you have your tickets for the ECC production of 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown'? Tickets can be purchased at ecctheatre.com or by phone at 636-584-6720. Show time is 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21st. If you would like to join others from Zion for an after show dinner at Pasta House in Union sign up on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Questions? Call Jane Ridder at 314-520-7090 or email carljane64@gmail.com

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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