

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 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 "God the Omnipotent" Chesterton

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 130*)

Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits, and in the Word, we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning.

O creation, hope in the Creator! For with the Holy One, there is steadfast love, and with God, there is great power to redeem.

It is the Creator who will redeem creation from all its imperfections.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen our faith in the inclusive and loving teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 130 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 84

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters, and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

As Jesus taught those healed from their brokenness through their faith, we also believe, and therefore we declare in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings.

We are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. 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 Holy One, we are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives and our opportunity to participate in the mission of God's Love to the world. Almighty one, with thankfulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 10:32-52 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Farrell

Jeanne Lischer, guitarist

Chorus:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

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. 422

“Amazing Grace”

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of **Sondra Jackson**.

*(Alternate first verse written by Rev. Jacob Nault)**

Amazing Grace how good that I’m forgiven, loved and free!

All that I am is blessed by God, who made each part of me.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“United in Faith”

Ritter

Faith: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-6b-june-30/>

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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.



“The
Son of Man
came
not to
be served but
to serve,
and to
give his life
as a ransom
for many.”

MARK 10:45, ESV

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June 30, 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 30, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Carla Kilgore

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, Verlyn Yarbrough Greeters: Maxine Harrison & Susan Merlino
Sound System Tech: John Crane 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.

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

This Evening - All are invited to the Summer Concert with the Combined Christian Choir this evening at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Bob Barreth	Carol Bean
Keith Stahlman	Myrt Dunigan	Felicia Scott	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)		Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		
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)		

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Leslie Bailey & family on the death of her mother Sondra Jackson who died on June 20th.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNeil (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.

Church Calendar – June 30, 2024 to July 7, 2024

Today -	The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., July 3 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love
Thurs., July 4 -	Independence Day (Church Offices closed)
Fri., July 5 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., July 7 -	The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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

Camp MoVal Store Donations Needed – MoVal introduced at Camp Store for hits weekly campers. All items sold directly support the camp, so donations would make the store more profitable. Items currently needed: caffeine-free 7.5 oz. mini cans of soda (A&W Rootbeer, Sprite, and Orange Fanta) and Welch's 10 oz. juices on the go (any flavor). Items can be dropped off at the church office.

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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