

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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 "Happy Tune" arr. Stoutamire
John Phillips & Liz Pace, clarinets + Ann Hartley & Karen Stafford, flutes

Call to Worship (*Psalm 150 adapted*)

Praise! Praise God in the sanctuary and in the highest heaven!

Praise God's powerful acts and many great deeds!

Praise God with the sound of the horn, with lute and harp.

Praise God with timbrels and dancing, with strings and pipes!

Praise God with the clash of cymbals,

With resounding symbols!

Everyone and everything with breath, praise God!

We will praise God now and forever! Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you this day. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar. Let our hearts sing boldly of your amazing love, for we celebrate your love and presence with us this day and every day. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14(NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have created us in your image to reflect your holiness. You have affirmed the goodness within us. We struggle to be the people you call us to be. You have given us the guidance of the Law and the wisdom of the Prophets and the gift of your Presence. Still, we struggle against the pull to go our own direction without your counsel. We fail to extend the grace and compassion you give to us. Be merciful in your judgment while holding us accountable for your justice as we strive to live the fullness of life in you. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you were not made to be perfect; you were created to be good. In hope, we affirm that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Lean into the power of God to do the work that we cannot, to meet us at our point of need, and to lead us into the path of new life.
Thanks be to God.

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

Generous God, you continually pour over us your love and compassion. May these offerings reflect those gifts both for us and for the world. Send us forth with confidence, joy, and love for all your people and all creation. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“The Prayer”

arr. Lombardo

John Phillips, Liz Pace, Ann Hartley & Karen Stafford, flutes

Sermon

“Praising God”

+ Hymn No. 31

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Pastoral Prayer and 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 (on insert)

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Wade in the Water”

arr. Tucker

John Phillips, Liz Pace, Ann Hartley & Karen Stafford, flutes

Welcome! *Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss* serves as Vice President for Advancement at Eden Theological Seminary. She lives in Washington, MO with her spouse, Kurt. Mary loves the United Church of Christ. She previously served on the UCC national staff as team leader for ministries in national and global disaster, refugee and sustainable development and domestic volunteer ministries. In the early 2000s, she and her family were Global Ministries missionaries in India where she taught at the United Theological College in Bangalore. Her research and writing are in the area of mission theology and history. Mary and Kurt have adult children and are recent new grandparents. Welcome Rev. Blaufuss!

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.

*David and all the house of Israel
were dancing before the LORD ...*



*with songs and lyres and
and harps and tambourines ...*

2 Samuel 6:5, NRSV

+ The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost +

July 14, 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

JULY 14, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Fern Dewert

Ushers: Maxine Harrison, Lee Parks Greeters: Armin & Norma Klemme
Sound System/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.

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

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

Updated Address Directory - An updated address directory is available on the table in the upper commons. Please take ONE per family. Thank you!

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzen	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)		

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

Coming Up this Fall - Alysha and Karen are considering a special music/play time in the chapel for kids ages 3-6 that will occur at the same time as the 5:00 LOGOS activities on the first two Wednesdays of the month followed by the LOGOS supper. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate or if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Karen at kstafford@zionunion.org

Church Calendar – July 7, 2024 to July 14, 2024

Today -	The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., July 15 -	9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Meeting (lower commons)
Wed., July 17 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., July 18 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting
Fri., July 19 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., July 21 -	The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Mon., July 15 – For all who are planning on working during the upcoming Rummage Sale or those who are interested in helping, there will be a meeting for all volunteers on Monday, July 15th at 9 a.m. in the lower commons.

Thurs., July 18 – Articles for the August 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Thursday, July 18th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, July 31st beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Next 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. next 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

Tues., Aug. 20 – Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, August 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons library area. The book they will be discussing is "*The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers*" by Maxwell King. All are invited to join the group!

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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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry

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