

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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 *“All Glory Be to God on High”* Prentiss

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 89)*

The Holy One is with us. God’s hand remains with us.

God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

Holy Love keeps their covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

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Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

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Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Mark 11:1-11 CEB

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

Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you do not journey alone. In community with the Holy One and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship. In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us, faithful to redeem, and affirms our rest and renewal.

We are forgiven! Praise 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

Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 11:12-33 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Lord of the Dance”

arr. Hayes

Kirk Hancox, soloist

Sermon

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 No. 626

“O God of Every Nation”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Festival Postlude”

Tours

Service Prayers for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-9b-july-21/>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



**“Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!”**

Mark 11:9

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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

JULY 21, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Matt Herring

Ushers: Susan Merlino, Ken & Carol Rohrbach Greeter: Verlyn Yarbrough
Sound System: Alan TenEyck Camera Tech: Gil Bisjak
(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 Yenzer	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)		Randy Gortney (son-in-law of Hettie Becker)		
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)				

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Danny Thompson & family on the death of his step-mother Shirley Thompson

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 21, 2024 to July 28, 2024

Today -	The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., July 24 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., July 25 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting
Fri., July 26 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Sat., July 27 -	8:00 a.m. Set up for Rummage Sale
Next Sun., July 28 -	The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale Drop Off 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

This Afternoon – 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. this afternoon and then the group will join together for dinner at Pasta House in Union. Questions? Call Jane Ridder at 314-520-7090 or email carljane64@gmail.com

Sat., July 27 – Saturday, July 27th volunteers are needed to help set up for the upcoming Rummage Sale. If you are interested in helping meet at church at 8 a.m. Thank you!

Rummage Sale Drop Off Dates/Times – Drop off times for the upcoming Rummage Sale are as follows: Next Sunday, July 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon; Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (there is NO drop off on Thursday).

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!

Help Thyself Meals - Take a break from the summer heat by helping yourself to a couple of meals from the Help Thyself freezer in the lower commons. ***They are for you!!*** We enjoy giving you a helping hand through the week. Any suggestions or questions please contact: Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1926), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) or Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday–8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays)

Church Office: (636/583-2814) fax (636/583-7949)

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch

Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry

Organist: Brenda Herring

Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford

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