

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringling of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude

"Fugue in C Major"

Buxtehude

Call to Worship

The world is in turmoil, in need of healing. But do we believe God can heal our divisions and enmity, one from another?

How can we have faith when so much seems to have gone so wrong, so much pain, injustice and enmity?

Christ dwells within us. Through God all things are possible. Even if we have doubts, possibilities for change are always before us. Let God's light shine in us.

Here we are, God. Send us into the world to give hope, cast out the demons of our times and speak truth to those in power. As we worship you this morning, we pray that our faith may be rekindled so as to move mountains.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

We are vessels of clay brought to life by your Spirit, O living God. Fill us with love overflowing for each other. We take under the shadow of your wings. We affirm that you are God and you dwell within us. Our future is in your hands, through you we are made strong. May we find courage and hope as we worship this morning. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 40:21-24 (Common English Bible)

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 577

"Sing a New Church"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. Amen

Assurance of Grace

Made of clay we are imperfect beings. Yet it is God's spirit that animates our lives. It is Christ's love that leads us to redemption. Our sins are wiped away and we are made anew in the merciful love of God. **In Christ we are forgiven all our failings and given strength to start again. 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

You touch us and make us whole. We bring our gifts and offerings that our church may touch other people and make them whole. You call us to serve in the name of Jesus. Send us, Lord, send us to bring light and hope to our suffering world.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 6:1-13 (Common English Bible)

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“American Anthems”

arr. Klemme

Paul Klemme, organist

Sermon

“Can You Believe This?”

Pastor Gil Bisjak

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 665

“Break Now The Bread of Life”

Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the God.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Great I AM, you create the worlds out of nothing through your own thoughts. You create us in your likeness and fill us with your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ we become One in you. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us to comprehend, for you are both far and near. In our joyous awe all we can do is cry out,

Holy, holy, holy, all creation is filled with your glory.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, your name is sanctified forever.

We worship you, we adore you, we glorify you.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our Lord.

We remember how Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “This is my body which is broken for you.

And he took the cup, and after blessing it, he said, “This is my blood that is poured out for you. Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me for I am with you until the end of time.

Breaking the Bread. Pouring the Cup.

Bless these elements of bread and the fruit of the vine, that in partaking of them we may remember you are with us now and in the times to come. Amen.

You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ Closing Music No. 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

+ Benediction

(Following the Benediction, please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Postlude

“Psalm 19”

Marcello

The Prayer of Confession is by John Birch of *Faith and Worship*. The Communion liturgy was written by Rev. Dr. Gilford Bisjak.

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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.



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Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 7, 2024

Welcome & Thank You! Thank you to Rev. Dr. Gilford Bisjak for being our guest preacher this morning for Rev. Nick.

Our guest organist this morning is Dr. Paul Klemme, son of Armin & Norma Klemme. Paul is Minister of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, Oregon. He is also Artistic Director of the Willamette Master Chorus at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Welcome and thank you!

Communion Sunday - We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry

Ushers: Maxine Harrison, Lee Parks Greeter: Sandy Stierberger

Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ken & Carol Rohrbach

Sound System Tech: David Sutton 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.

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 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.

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

Today -	The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., July 8 -	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., July 10 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom) 12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., July 11 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Fri., July 12 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., July 14 -	The 8th 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 its 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 Root Beer, 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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