

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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 "The Healing Hand of God" Ritter

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 111)*

Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

God's works delight, inspire, challenge, and uphold us.

Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, we come together in your presence to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise. We remember your covenant and acknowledge your abiding presence. Envelop us in your glory, strengthen us to confront the weariness of the world, challenge us to spread the good news, and empower us to be the church you have created us to be. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Mark 14:32-52 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 471

"As the Deer"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we find wisdom in your word, in your presence, and in your way. Help us to follow the path of love, community, and sharing. Open our awareness to the unmet needs in our community and the ways we may meet them. Open our compassion to notice those who too often go without being acknowledged. Open our schedules to be present to your Spirit, our neighbors, and ourselves. Fill us with wisdom, peace, and hope to move boldly toward new life and the fullness of joy. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God honors our request for wisdom. Individually and, most importantly, collectively, we have the wisdom, discernment, and understanding necessary to meet the challenges of the day, to live a life pleasing to the Holy One, and to participate in the coming of God's kingdom.

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 and Wise God, you give freely and we receive freely. Sow in us discernment, understanding, and wisdom to be good stewards of the bounty we receive and the resources we have earned. Let us treat them all as gifts to be shared so that none will be in want or need to live full and abundant lives.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 14:53-72 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 523

“Soon and Very Soon”

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. 72

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“To the Glory of God”

Peterson

Service Prayers for the Thirteenth 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-13b-august-18/>

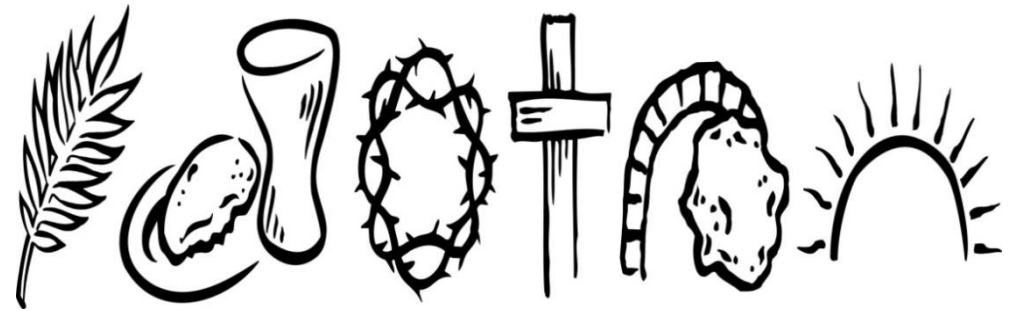
We commit ourselves...

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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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

AUGUST 18, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Lee Parks

Ushers: Rudy Ahmann & Connie Thompson Greeter: Vicki Hooper

Sound System: Harvey Mefford 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.

Worship Service at Camp MoVal - This morning we will have an Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at Camp MoVal. Vespers will begin at 11 a.m. with a Potluck Meal to follow in the dining hall. Meat, lemonade and water will be provided. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Swimming, hiking, and boating/lake activities will be available from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

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	Sarah Berghorn	
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)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		

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

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 – August 18, 2024 to August 25, 2024

Today -	The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at Camp MoVal
Mon., Aug. 19 -	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
Tues., Aug. 20 -	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
Wed., Aug. 21 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., Aug. 22 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Aug. 23 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Sat., Aug. 24 -	1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Aug. 25 -	The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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!

Wed., Aug. 21 – News for the September 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, August 21st.

Wed., Aug. 28 – Zion's Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. PLEASE NOTE! We would like to invite anyone who wants to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a Hymn Sing with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to stay for our short rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. to see if choir is a good fit for you.

Wed., Sept. 4 – Zion Ringers resumes rehearsals on September 4th at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir please come and join us!

Historical Displays – Please stop by the church historical display case in the narthex for pictures and an article written by Skip Buehrle on the 'Children of Peace' sculpture. There are also displays of the back door project in the new Historical Room in the lower commons classroom done by Bruce Templer.

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 (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) or Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).

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