

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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 *“From All that Dwell Below the Skies”* Wells

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 84*)

O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

We long to be in your beautiful assembly. Our hearts sing for joy!

O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

You keep the sparrow and the spring. You sustain the splendor of creation.

O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

In you, we go from strength to strength. You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise our God!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Lovely God, you abide with us. We acknowledge your presence among us with peace, trust, and thanksgiving. It is good to be with you. It is good to be with one another. Fill us with your Spirit and revel in our worship. May this time give you honor and fortify us as your people, ambassadors, and agents of love and hope in the world. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Mark 15:1-15 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn 626

“O God of Every Nation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy God, speak to us. So often our prayer time is consumed by our words...when what we need most is your gentle nudges and your bold challenge. Let us hear from you.

(Moment of silence.)

As you continue to speak...

prepare our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom, correction, and confirmation. Transform us for your glory, for our hope, and for the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time. God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

We are forgiven, 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

Strong and Giving God, receive our gifts of time, talent, and financial resources for the building of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. May we give with a spirit of courage, trust, and empathy. May our faithful stewardship receive confirmation through changed lives and renewed communities for your glory. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 15:16-41 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“O Come, Angel Band”

arr. Curry

Kirk Hancox, soloist

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. 621

“For the Healing of the Nations”

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of **Robert Barreth**.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Festival March”

Handel

Service Prayers for the Fourteenth 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-august-25/>

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 25, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox

Ushers: Rudy Ahmann & Connie Thompson Greeters: Lee & Susan Newman

Sound System: Harvey Mefford 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.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzen	Kevin Vorderbrugge	Bob Barreth	Carol Bean
Keith Stahlman	Myrt Dunigan	Felicia Scott	Sarah Berghorn	Ruth Lord
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)		
Whitney Henle (granddaughter 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)		

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Suzanne Barreth & family on the death of her husband Bob who died on August 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

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 25, 2024 to September 1, 2024

Today -	The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., Aug. 28 -	10:00 a.m. September newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thurs., Aug. 29 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Aug. 30 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Sept. 1 -	The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Mon., Aug. 26 – Final articles for the September ‘Spirit of Zion’ newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, August 26th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, August 28th beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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!

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