

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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

“Prelude in B-Flat”

Curtis

Call to Worship (*Inspired By Psalm 51*)

The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

O God, you desire truth in our inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

O God, you desire truth in our inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

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Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your presence among us. In the chaos of our lives, you provide calm, healing, and sanctuary. Inspire us to be transformed as you immerse us in your everlasting love and relentless presence. Forgive us and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation

in the world. Open our receptivity to your word and enflame our imagination of and participation in your kin-dom on earth. May it be so. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 126 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 68

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Baptism of Owen Thomas Knoblauch

Welcome

Questions of the Candidates

Address

Congregational Assent

Prayer of Baptism

Please join me in prayer. We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary’s womb. Jesus was baptized by John, in the water of Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by the water and the Holy Spirit.

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may

have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

Act of Baptism

Prayer of the Baptized

This Child is now received into the continued love and care of his family and friends in the good hope that hereafter he may continue to brighten the world through his love. Let us pray for Owen, baptized today.

We give you thanks O Holy One, mother and father, heavenly parent of us all, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as children in the one household of your love. As Owen has been baptized by our ministry into the Christian church, so may he, by your guidance, become one with Christ. Breathe upon him now and always your Holy Spirit. Grant that his love may be a blessing to his home and the world. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ. Grant the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Hymn No. 677

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

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, thank you for these gifts and the privilege of giving. Increase our collective resources that we might serve your kingdom and bring honor to your name. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Mark 13:1-37 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I’ll Be There”

Dan Mossoney, fiddle

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.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Remembrance

Invocation

Come Holy Spirit, come, move across this table, across this grain and grape, across our very lives renewing and refreshing us for the journey to come. We have gathered at your table ready for a foretaste of your reign of justice, love, and peace. Bless these elements and each of us in service of your realm, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements

The Lord's Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Nicholas will place a piece of gluten free bread in your hand. Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice, and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving following Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to this meal. May we always remember your love for us has no bounds. May we always embody the love you have given us. And may we go from this table ready to join you in your reign of reconciling love and renewing peace through all the world. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 502 "Be Thou My Vision"

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of *Margy L. Schowe*.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "The Heavens Rejoice!" Ritter

Service Prayers for the Eleventh 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-11b-august-4/>

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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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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 4, 2024

Baptism

We are happy to receive Owen Thomas Knoblauch in Christian baptism this morning. It is our responsibility as a congregation to support the baptismal candidate as he grows in the nurture and admonition of our Lord.

Owen Thomas Knoblauch

born: July 7, 2023

daughter of Nicholas & Caeligh Knoblauch

Grandparents: Lisa & Joseph Knoblauch, Christine & Thomas McCarthy

Great Grandparents: Patricia Clancy, Rosemarie Salyer

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.

The flowers in the chancel area are given in memory of Bob Hansen by friends.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry

Ushers: David & Linda Hall Greeter: Kevin Vorderbruegge

Communion Stewards: Mandy Frick, Kirk & Sallie Hancox, Connie Thompson

Sound System: Harvey Mefford Camera Tech: David Bean

(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 Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Bob Barreth	Carol Bean
Keith Stahlman	Myrt Dunigan	Felicia Scott	Delores Musket	
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)		

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Kevin Schowe & Jane Gullledge on the death of their mother Margy Schowe who died on July 26th.

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 4, 2024 to August 11, 2024

Today -	The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., Aug. 7 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., Aug. 8 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., Aug. 9 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Aug. 11 -	The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Green Team Meeting (classroom)

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!

Sun., Aug. 18 - Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at Camp MoVal on Sunday, August 18th. We will have Vespers 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lower commons for food items. Swimming, hiking and boating/lake activities will be available from 12 noon to 2 p.m. ***If you plan to attend the Worship Service at Camp MoVal and have accessibility needs, please contact the church office so we can arrange assistance for you. PLEASE NOTE:*** For anyone who does not plan to attend worship at Camp MoVal we will still have our regular 9 a.m. service at Zion.

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 (636-239-1926), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) or Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).

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