

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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 "Victory Through Christ" Smith

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 116*)

Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

We love the Holy One, who has heard our cry, responds to our prayers, and abides with us through our distress.

Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

We praise the Righteous One, who protects, provides, and prepares their people.

Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

We worship the Radiant One, who walks before us in the land of the living.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator, we have come in response to your call to worship you. We have come to be in community with our neighbor. We have come with quiet contemplation and boisterous joy. We have come in grief and with hope. We come to gather in your name, to honor your presence, and to give you praise. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 18:1-15 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Baptism of **Lane James Drake Keeven**

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 Lane, 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 Lane 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”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that you are a God of transformation and a solid rock. We strive to be like trees planted by the water, steadfast and unmovable at the same time that we embrace your continuing creative acts in the world and in our lives. We struggle at times to know when to remain firm and when to progress forward. Infuse us with your wisdom and discernment along with courage and grace to be fully who you have created us to be. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God knows the journey that has shaped you, honors the efforts you have undertaken, and sustains you when you extend yourself forward. The Righteous One is merciful and grace-filled. Creator delights in you. Be bold and encouraged for the Sovereign One believes in you and goes with you.

By the Grace of God, you 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, may these gifts honor your name and your generous Spirit alive within us. We thank you for the opportunity and privilege of contributing to your kin-dom and our world. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 22:1-23 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

Shackley

Chancel Choir

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. 40 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude “Te Deum Laudamus” Nordman

Service Prayers for the Seventeenth 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-17b-september-15/>

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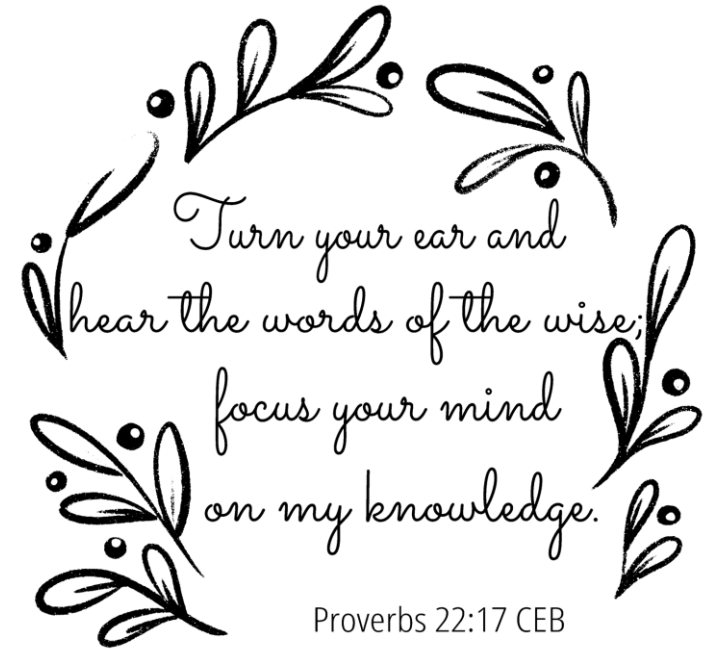
We commit ourselves...

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

September 15, 2024

Baptism

We are happy to receive Lane James Drake Keevin 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.

Lane James Drake Keeven

born: January 11, 2022

son of Rio Chamberlin & Dylan Keeven

Sponsors: Nathan Keeven & LeeAnna Wilson

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young

Ushers: Bill & Fern Dewert Greeters: Carl & Jane Ridder

Sound System: Alan TenEyck 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.

Strengthen the Church Offering - During the month of September we will be receiving monetary donations for the Strengthen the Church Offering "On Holy Ground". This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to build up the UCC. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and much more. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the body of Christ. Offering envelopes are available by the offering plate in the narthex. Please make your checks payable to Zion UCC and in the memo 'STC offering'.

Festival of Sharing - During September monetary donations to Festival of Sharing will be received to help with hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond. Offering envelopes are available by the offering plate in the narthex. Please make your checks payable to Zion UCC and in the memo 'FOS offering'.

This Morning - Zion's Green Team will be in the upper commons before and after worship this morning to distribute "Climate Hope Pledge Cards" and answer any questions you may have about helping the UCC in working for a sustainable and just world. This is a pledge to vote for climate policies you support and to make climate action a priority as you vote (The campaign does not endorse any candidate or party.)

This Morning - Zion Fellowship is having a brunch this morning following the worship service in the fellowship hall. EVERYONE is invited to join the group as we will share suggestions for events to do together.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Ruth Lord
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)		
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)		
Marvin Huggins (brother-in-law of Barb Harvey)				
Krista Copeland (daughter of Verlyn Yarbrough & mother of Lukas Copeland)				

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)
Donna Eime (friend of Jim Doehring)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)
Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)

Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)
Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
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

This Morning - The JOY Adult Class beings meeting again this morning in the lower commons classroom. They will be discussing the book *'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk'* by John Pavlovitz.

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

This Morning - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; Preschool - ages 3-5 will meet in the Preschool Room (the nursery); Faith Quest - grades kindergarten-5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; Confirm NOT Conform - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar - September 15, 2024 to September 22, 2024

Today -	The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism
	10:00 a.m. Zion Fellowship Brunch (fellowship hall)
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
Mon., Sept. 16 -	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
Tues., Sept. 17 -	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
Wed., Sept. 18 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (chapel) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Sept. 19 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Sept. 20 -	p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., Sept. 21 -	4:00 p.m. Wedding
Next Sun., Sept. 22 -	The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Green Team (fellowship hall)

Mon., Sept. 16 - Newsletter articles for the October 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, September 16th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, September 25th beginning at 10 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 17 - Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The book they will be reading and discussing in September is *"Wish You Were Here"* by Jodi Picoult.

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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