

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 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 "Trust In His Steadfast Love" Moore

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 19*)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock, and redeemer.

For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock, and redeemer.

For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock, and redeemer.

For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter; however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight. May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of the kin-dom in your name this day and every day. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 644 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair. We have confused seeking the common good with controlling our neighbor. We have conflated unity with uniformity. We have cosigned on societal norms that divide, segregate, and exclude rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging. Amen.

Words of Grace

Wonderfully and fearfully made humans, you are not bound by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of your past. Even our embedded biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to the kin-dom and the kin-dom belongs to you. Press forward with the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all.

By the Grace of God, we are forgiven! We press forward in love, justice, and peace. 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

Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kin-dom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Bring Many Names”
Jeanne Lischer, soloist

Wren

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. 719

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Allegro Risoluto”

Wilson

Service Prayers for the Nineteenth 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-19b-September-29/>

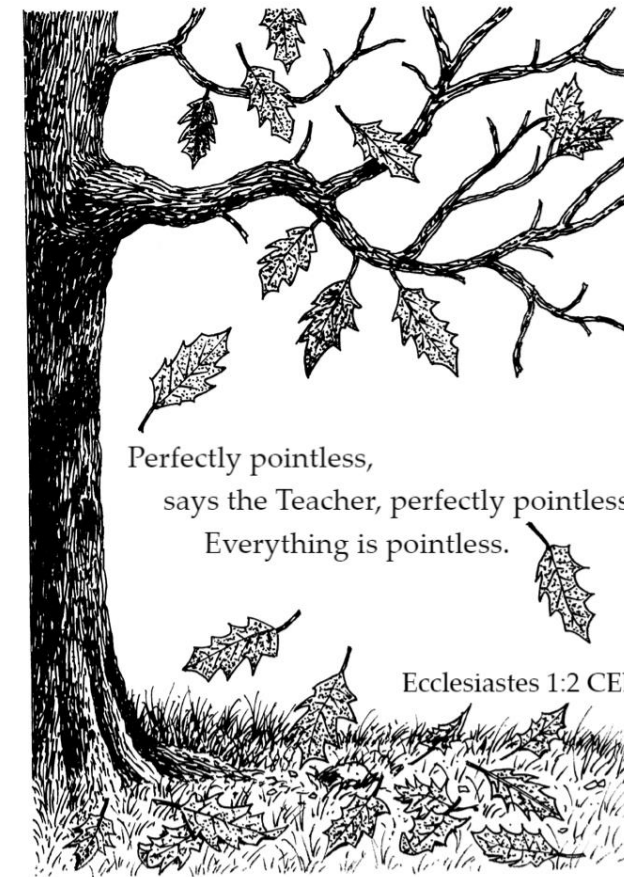
We commit ourselves...

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

September 29, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Ken Rohrbach
Ushers: Bill & Fern Dewert Greeter: Lee Parks
Sound System: Alan TenEyck 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.

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'.

"These Days" devotionals for October-November-December are available in the literature rack at the top of the stairs.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Duniga
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman
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)		
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)	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

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 29, 2024 to October 6, 2024

Today -	The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
Wed., Oct. 2 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m. LOGOS
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Oct. 3 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	10:00 a.m. Audit Committee
	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., Oct. 4 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Oct. 6 -	The 20th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. 2025 PROPOSED Budget Presentation (fellowship hall)

Wednesday Night Activities - Schedule for the first TWO Wednesdays of every month (September-April)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Adults: (Re) Membership with Pastor Nick: Join the conversation on what it means to be a member of Zion and a member of the UCC, and discuss the historical legacy of the denomination and our church.

Youth: LOGOS programming for K-12th grade youth with Mandy & Alysha.

Preschool: Hallelujah Kids music exploration, movement, and games for kids aged 2-kindergarten with Karen.

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:45 -7:30 p.m.

Zion Ringers Rehearsal

LOGOS Games continue for Youth

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sun., Oct. 6 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church.

Sun., Oct 6 & 20 – The Church Council has scheduled two informational Budget Meetings on Sundays, October 6 & 20 following the worship service in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for members to review the PROPOSED 2025 budget and ask questions. Copies of the proposed budget are available next to the offering plate.

Sun., Oct. 13 – Sign up today for the CROP Walk! The Walk begins at 1 p.m. and starts at Zion. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board for those interested in walking.

Tues., Oct. 15 – Zion's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The book they are reading and will be discussing is "*They Almost Always Come Home*" by Cynthia Ruchti.

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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Organist: Brenda Herring

Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford

Administrative Assistant: Connie Thompson

Coordinator of Elementary Youth: Mandy Frick

Council President: Fern Dewert

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