

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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 *“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”* Hayes

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 125)*

Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 146 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Mission Moment

Alysha Petry

+ Opening Hymn No. 477 *“Come and Find the Quiet Center”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than to include, to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God’s grace is sufficient to meet you in weakness. And yet, faith without works lacks power, conviction, and life. Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our attitude and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures. Be open to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of God’s creation presents to us.

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

Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your kin-dom. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that all may do well. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Proverbs 1:20-33 CEB

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Anthem

“Let Us Serve Him”

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. 51

“How Great Thou Art”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Praises!”

Eliot

Service Prayers for the Sixteenth 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-16b-september-8/>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.

*Wisdom
cries out
in the street;
in the squares
she raises her voice.*



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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 8, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry
Ushers: Dennis & Karen Tucker Greeter: Sallie Hancox
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 UC and in the memo 'FOS offering'.

This Morning & Next Sun., Sept. 15 - Zion's Green Team will be in the upper commons before and after worship this morning and next Sunday 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.)

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Virginia Maune	Frank Fazzari
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzer	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)	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 – Today is RALLY DAY! All classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10-11 a.m.

Today – Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the 'Escape Room'. Meet at Zion at 11 a.m.

Church Calendar – September 8, 2024 to September 15, 2024

Today -	The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. RALLY DAY!
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	11:00 a.m. Youth to Escape Room
Mon., Sept. 9 -	6:30 p.m. Finance (classroom)
Wed., Sept. 11 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	1:00 p.m. Membership Review (conference room)
	5:00-7:30 p.m. LOGOS
	5:00 p.m. Alleluia Kids (chapel)
	6:45 p.m. Zion Ringers (chapel)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Sept. 12 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Sept. 13 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Sept. 15 -	The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism
	10:00 a.m. Zion Fellowship Brunch (fellowship hall)

Next Sun., Sept. 15 – Zion Fellowship will be having a brunch next Sunday following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. EVERYONE is invited to join the group as we will share suggestions for events to do together.

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.

Wednesday Night Activities - Scheduled 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

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!