

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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 "How Firm A Foundation" Broughton

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 90*)

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Everlasting God, we come before you with questions, and you question us in return. We declare that you are good, and you have declared us good. May we acknowledge that you make all things new, you redeem our days, and you empower us to be your people. In your presence, there is joy, and there is struggle. Peace surpasses understanding, and our hearts break. This defines the fullness of the human community and experience in**

**companionship with you. We give thanks for your presence and trust that you continue to transform the impossible into the possible. Make it so in us and through us in your precious name. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 90 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of loss. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kin-dom is rich, full, and free. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. Amen.**

Words of Grace

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Though we have sinned, fallen short, or lost our way, God will not and does not withhold mercy. By the grace of God, in the name of Christ, our sins, all of them are forgiven.

**We are forgiven and free, 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](http://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

**Gracious God, may the gifts we bring be magnified and do miracles in our community. Use them for restoration and hope as your kin-dom is demonstrated before us all. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 12 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”*

arr. Wilson

Karen Stafford, piano

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 518

*“Give Thanks for Life”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“God, the Almighty”*

Davidson

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Service Prayers for the Twenty-First 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.

**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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October 13, 2024 + 9:00 a.m.

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

# OCTOBER 13, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Ruth Parker

Ushers: Matthew Herring & Kevin Vorderbruegge Greeter: Linda Kinworthy

Sound System: Mark Klenke 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.

**This Morning** - ***Intergenerational Sunday School!*** ALL ages are invited to the Intergenerational Sunday School hour from 10-11 a.m. in the fellowship hall! Refreshments will be served.

**Disaster Relief** - As the United Church of Christ continues relief efforts for Hurricane Helene and responds to Hurricane Milton, we invite you to give to the **Hurricanes 2024 Appeal**. Your gift will make a direct impact, providing relief to those suffering, rebuilding homes, and helping restore communities. Together, we can extend the support and hope so desperately needed during this time. Offering envelopes are available by the offering plate for your monetary gifts. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

**Neighbors In Need Offering** - During the month of October Zion will be receiving monetary gifts to the Neighbors In Need Offering which supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Offering envelopes were included in the October newsletter; additional envelopes are available by the offering plate.

**This Afternoon** - CROP Walk is today! The Walk begins at 1 p.m. and starts at Zion. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate!

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
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)				

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)

Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

## 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** – ***Intergenerational Sunday School!*** ALL ages are invited to the Intergenerational Sunday School hour from 10-11 a.m. in the fellowship hall! Refreshments will be served.

### Church Calendar – October 13 to October 20, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m. CROP Walk</b>
<b>Tues., Oct. 15 -</b>	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
<b>Wed., Oct. 16 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Oct. 17 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., Oct. 18 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Sat., Oct. 19 -</b>	4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Oct. 20 -</b>	<b>The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Budget Presentation (fellowship hall)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Zion Cemetery Board (chapel)</b>

**Tues., Oct. 15** – Zion's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wed., Oct. 16** – Articles for the November edition of 'The Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Fri.,-Sat., Oct. 18 & 19** – The Conference Annual Gathering of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will be on Friday-Saturday, October 18 & 19 and will be held via Zoom. If anyone is interested in gathering at Zion for a 'viewing party' during any part of CAG please contact the church office by Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Next Sun., Oct. 20** – The next information budget meeting set by the Church Council will be next Sunday, October 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.

**Next Sun., Oct. 20** – The Green Team will be in the lower commons before and after worship next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> distributing 'Climate Hope Pledge Cards'. The pledge is simple: '*I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations.*' The Vote for Climate Hope Campaign does not endorse any particular candidate or party. Rather, this is a pledge to vote for climate policies you support and to make climate action a priority as you make your voting decisions.

**Sat., Oct. 26** – WORK DAY AT ZION! On Saturday, October 26 beginning at 9 a.m. there will be a workday at Zion. Items needing to be done include: painting the front doors, painting the office door, security film on quilting room windows and the new entrance windows. All are invited to come and help on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Wed., Oct. 30 - Drumming Opportunity** – In the months when there are 5 Wednesdays, we will be offering meditative, Christian-based community drumming. Our first one is Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. No musical experience is needed. Feel free to invite a friend! Please RSVP to [kstafford@zionunion.org](mailto:kstafford@zionunion.org) or call the church office so we know the number of instruments needed.

**Sat., Nov. 2** - Tree planting day at Camp MoVal - Camp MoVal has received a donation of 70 3-gallon trees, and they need volunteers to help plant them. Date: Saturday, November 2; Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (finish time is dependent on how long it takes to plant them)

**Kurt Warner Coat Drive – October 21-November 11** – Zion will be collecting for this years Kurt Warner Coat Drive from October 21<sup>st</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please bring clean, gently used coats to the lower commons and place them in the box marked for the coat drive. Thank you.

**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!

**Wreaths Across America** – Once again the Union American Legion will be laying wreaths on the graves of veterans this Christmas season. We are currently short 40 wreaths for Zion's Cemetery. Wreaths are \$17. If you can help, please make out a check to: American Legion Post 297 and in the memo section "wreaths – Zion". Cash donations to the office would also be greatly appreciated. Contact Brad Parker at 314-330-7094 for more details.