

# The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 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                    *“Prelude from Op. 28, No. 15”*                    Chopin/Barnett

Call to Worship

Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God. Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

**Sun and rain proclaim God’s infinite imagination. Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.**

It is God who shares wisdom and understanding with us. We depend on God when we reach out for answers to our questions.

**We gather to worship and praise God. We come to learn from the God we can only dimly perceive.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of Grace and Glory, how can we comprehend the marvels of the universe? You are ultimately unknowable, and yet we see evidence of your work all around us. We come before you with awe, pausing to give thanks for the mysteries of life. May our time of worship honor you and equip us to serve in your name. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Mark 10:35-45 CEB

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 31

*“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we, like James and John, expect rewards and recognition. We seek places of honor, privilege, and reward. We talk about serving you, but we really do not want the rank of servant. We have plenty of ideas about what you ought to do to intervene in the world, but little commitment to what we might do. Forgive and help us, Merciful God. Renew our faith and help us to follow your way. Amen.**

Words of Grace

God sustains us through all the ups and downs of our lives. God is patient with our pretensions, seeking always to welcome us home.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Loving God, we give with thanks for your faithfulness and grace. By your love, we have learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts and ourselves for service in Christ’s name. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 CEB

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“Not Too Far from Here”*

arr. Fettke

Kirk Hancox, soloist

Sermon

+ Hymn No. 591

*“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”*

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. 391

*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Make the Sounds of Praise”*

Hughes

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Liturgical resources for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost are original or are adapted from *Led by Love: Worship Resources for Year B* by Lavon Baylor.

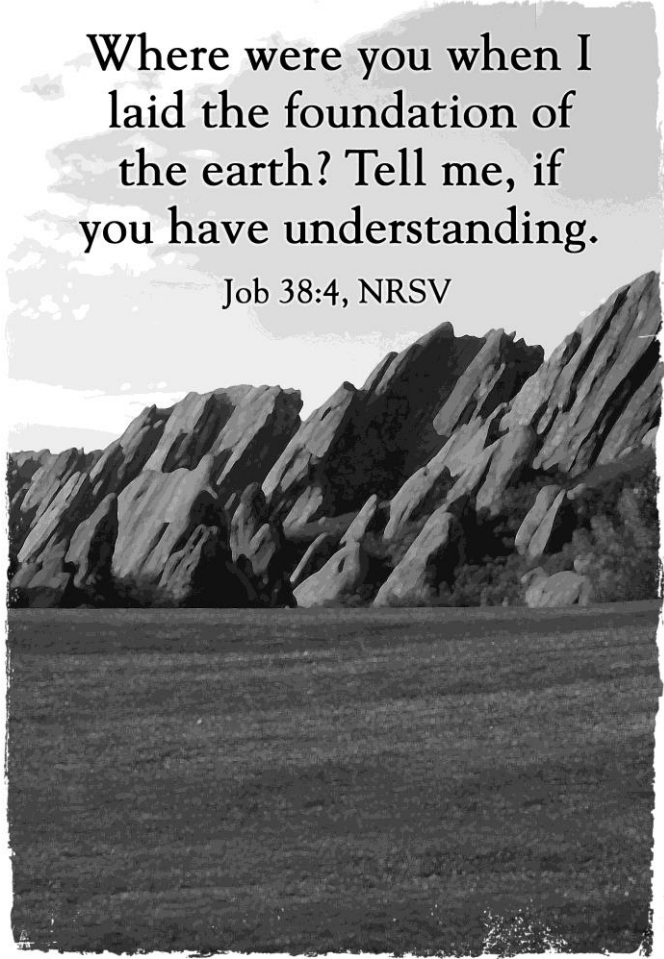
**We commit ourselves...**

**to worship God**

**to form faithful followers of Jesus**

**and to care for our wider community.**

*We care as Christ cares.*



Where were you when I  
laid the foundation of  
the earth? Tell me, if  
you have understanding.

Job 38:4, NRSV

+ The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost +

October 20, 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 20, 2024

**A special 'thank you'** to Rev. Jeanne Lischer for supplying our pulpit today while Pastor Nick is on vacation. Rev. Lischer is a retired UCC Minister and a member of Zion. Thank you and welcome!!

## **Serving This Morning**

Liturgist: Sue Leicht  
Ushers: Ken & Carol Rohrbach Greeter: Vicki Hooper  
Sound System: Mark Klenke Camera Tech: Dan Mossoney  
(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.

**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 Morning** - Informational budget meeting this morning 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.

**This Morning** - The Green Team will be in the lower commons before and after worship this morning 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.

## **On Our List For Prayers**

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenser	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** - 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; Confirm NOT Conform - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

## Church Calendar - October 20, 2024 to October 27, 2024

<b>Today -</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>
<b>Mon., Oct. 21 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Wed., Oct. 23 -</b>	10:00 a.m. November newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	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. 24 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	10:00 a.m. Audit Committee (conference room)
	1:00 p.m. Historical Workday (historical room)
<b>Fri., Oct. 25 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Sat., Oct. 26 -</b>	9:00 a.m. Workday at Zion
	2:00 p.m. Zion Fellowship self guided tour of Franklin County Historical Museum & Dinner following at Que Pasa
<b>Next Sun., Oct. 27 -</b>	<b>The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>

**Mon., Oct. 21** - Final articles for the November edition of 'The Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**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>.

**Sat., Oct. 26** - Don't forget! Saturday, October 26, everyone is invited to join the Zion Fellowship for a self-guided tour of the Franklin County Historical Museum at 300 E. Locust Street after 2 p.m. There are many interesting displays and pictures of local interest. When the tour is finished, dinner and fellowship will be shared at Que Pasa Mexican Restaurant right down from the museum. All are welcome!

**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). If you can help any amount of time please contact Alysha.

**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, gentle used coats to the lower commons and place them in the box marked for the coat drive. 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.

**Help Thyself Meals** - This is a gentle reminder to make use of the Help Thyself meals for you. That is what they are for.....YOU. In the Lower Commons kitchen there are in the freezer, meals, soups and simple desserts. If you are able to pick up a couple of meals for your week ahead, please do so. If unable to pick them up a church friend can do it for you or a Call to Care member would be happy to bring them to you when they come to visit. Please take advantage of this opportunity available to you. Let any of the following people know if you know of someone that needs assistance. Kathy Young, (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) and Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159).