

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 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 *“Song of Hope and Adoration”* Ogle

Call to Worship

Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.
May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.
In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.
May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

Gathering Prayer

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Hebrews 11:1-12, 12:1-2 NRSV

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

Thanks be to God!

A Litany and Prayers of Remembrance

Blessed are the dead who from now on live in Christ.

They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.

We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died,

So that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

But someone will ask “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

When you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed.

But God gives a body as God has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

It is sown in death; it is raised in glory. It is sown as a physical body; it is raised as a spiritual body.

Jesus said “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I said to you.

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

For God created us for incorruption and made us in the image of God’s own eternity.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Candle Lighting (After each name is read...)

May God bless them,

And welcome them into the saints in light.

Jerry D. Ellison

born: January 5, 1933
died: January 9, 2024

Delores M. Musket

born: March 18, 1937
died: August 6, 2024

Fletcher Simons

born: December 7, 1944
died: March 2, 2024

Robert W. Barreth

born: July 7, 1945
died: August 20, 2024

Sondra L. Jackson

born: November 10, 1937
died: June 20, 2024

Donald P. Altholz

born: November 27, 1946
died: august 24, 2024

Margy L. Schowe

born: May 15, 1934
died: July 26, 2024

Carolyn A. George

born: March 25, 1943
died: September 8, 2024

(Once all the names are read and candles are lit, we will finish the prayer)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and burden that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. In the company of all the saints, we pray...

May Christ, who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen us, so that we may transform the world. Amen.

+ Opening Hymn No. 529 *“For All the Saints”*

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

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover You. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Psalm 146 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“A Flower Remembered”

Rudder

Kirk Hancox, soloist

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. 515 *“Hymn of Promise”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“Exaltation of God”* Wilson

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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.



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us"

Hebrews 12:1 RSV

+ The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost +

November 10, 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

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Matthew Herring
Ushers: Mark Klenke, Connor Muller Greeter: Gale Claggett
Sound System: Dan Mossoney 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.

This Morning - During the **Intergenerational Sunday School hour** this morning we will be assembling the winter care packages for the Little Free Pantry. All are invited to the fellowship hall from 10-11 a.m.

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.

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)		
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)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)		
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)				
Whitney Henle (eye surgery, granddaughter of Susan Merlino)				
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 McNiell (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)
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 (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 this morning from 10-11 a.m. in the fellowship hall! Refreshments will be served.

Next Sunday – 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 Confirm* – grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar – November 10, 2024 to November 17, 2024

Today -	The 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Totenfest	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)/ Fellowship Hour
Mon., Nov. 11 -	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., Nov. 13 -	9:30 a.m.	Called to Care (classroom)
	12:00 noon	Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m.	LOGOS
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Nov. 14 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle	
Fri., Nov. 15 -	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Nov. 17 -	The 26th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Green Team

Wednesday Night Activities - Schedule for the first TWO Wednesdays of every month (through 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.

LOGOS Games continue for Youth

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 19 – Zion’s Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. The book they will be discussing is "*Hercule Poirot’s Christmas*" by Agatha Christie.

Through the month of November – Zion is again collecting items for Every Child’s Hope ‘Hope Chest’ store. During November there is a box in the lower commons along with a list of most needed items for the store. The ‘Hope Chest’ provides items that the residents of ECH can access to buy items for their families. Thank you for your donations!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed! Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed for Saturday, December 14th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Schnuck’s in Union. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board. Thank you!

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).

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