

# The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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                      *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”*                      Thygeron

Call to Worship

Come from shattered hopes and distracting desires. Come from messages of fear, greed and hate. Come to this place and time dedicated to the power and practice of the love of God. Come to the true source of hope for the world.

**We come to worship our God.**

+ Gathering Hymn No. 160      *“Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”*

First Reading of Scripture                      1 John 4:16-21 (NRSV)  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...  
**Thanks be to God**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, it sounds so easy to live in the light of your love, but your love stands in opposition to the forces which rule our world; and we have learned from an early age how to accommodate ourselves to the ways of the world.

**Forgive us when choose some other direction for our lives than the one your love would have us take.**

Words of Grace

God is love. It is the very nature of God to love and forgive us. God’s love is the source of our hope and courage.

**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.*

+ 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 dedicate these gifts and ourselves for service in Christ’s name. Amen.**

Anthem                      *“Thanks Be to God”*                      arr. Curry  
Chancel Choir + John Phillips, soprano saxophone

Second Reading of Scripture                      Luke 10:25-37  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      *“Love Changes Everything”*

+ Hymn No. 617                      *“A Place at the Table”*

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. 551      *“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude      *“Be Thou Exalted”*      Wetherill

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**A special welcome to our guest preacher this morning Rev. Richard Gamble.** Rev. Rich Gamble is a graduate of Eden seminary. He has served UCC congregations in rural Iowa, rural Washington and Seattle. He has also worked as a crisis counselor, chaplain at a homeless shelter, and executive director of a community organizing agency. He has developed and managed several social justice programs. He is the executive director of the Justice Leadership Program ([www.justiceleadership.org](http://www.justiceleadership.org)). He recently moved to Washington Missouri to help care for his mother.

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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.*



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Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

# SUNDAY NEWS

# NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sue Leicht  
Ushers: Alan & Sharon TenEyck Greeters: Ken & Carol Rohrbach  
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.

**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 Vorderbrugge	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)				
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 (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	Susie Andell
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 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 begins 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 – November 17, 2024 to November 24, 2024

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 26<sup>th</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. Green Team</b>
<b>Mon., Nov. 18 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Tues., Nov. 19 -</b>	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
<b>Wed., Nov. 20 -</b>	10:00 a.m. December Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (chapel)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 21 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., Nov. 22 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Nov. 24 -</b>	<b>Reign of Christ Sunday</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church</b>

**Mon., Nov. 18** – Articles for the December ‘Spirit of Zion’ newsletter are due in the office on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

**Next Sun., Nov. 24** – “Greening of the Church” following the morning worship service. All are invited to come decorate the church for our Advent/Christmas season! Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch after decorating.

**Next Sun., Nov. 24** – The Combined Christian Choir Thanksgiving concert will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. The concert is free; a freewill offering will be received to support local efforts on behalf of children in need and those who are hungry. Come and enjoy!

**Sun., Dec. 1** – Come enjoy the music of the season with the Washington Civic Chorus on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. at St. Peter’s UCC in Washington. A reception will follow the concert. You can also visit the Festival of Trees and bring items for local food pantries to vote for your favorite trees!

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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