

The Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 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 *“Prelude on ‘Lasst uns erfreuen’”* Peterson

Call to Worship

Children of God, whom do you follow?

We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the One who was, who is, and shall be forever, reign in our hearts and rule in our lives. We gather at your summons, to heed your call to discipleship, and follow your command. Sovereign God, You are our Alpha and our Omega, our beginning and our end. May we be forever faithful to your kingdom alone. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 93 NRSV

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 113 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Monarch, You who rule over all of us with justice and care, we your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule, that we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity, that we have not followed the example you set forth. Instead, we often place our trust in leaders who let us down, and in our own flawed leadership of others. Lead us, Christ, our Sovereign, and set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. Amen.

Words of Grace

We who are dependent upon our divine ruler have Christ’s example ever before us, to give us guidance and hope. Take heart that you are forgiven and may return to that example again.

Praise be to God! Amen.

Prayer of Consecration of Gifts & Pledges

Let us pray...

Holy and Gracious God, bless the time, talent, and treasure we offer to your church as we live out our faith. May these pledges set the intention in our hearts to invest in your realm. May we give throughout the year, not out of guilt or compulsion, but with generosity and excitement. Be our guide O God, not only in our giving but in our spending. May we become cosigners with you, Christ Jesus, in the building of your church. Bless this church in our decisions. O Spirit, may our actions sustain your work of justice, righteousness, and equity, in all the world. Continue to bless us O God, that we may be a blessing for you and the world you love so much. And may it be so, 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

Righteous ruler, accept all that we have offered to you. May these gifts we gather participate in your realm of truth. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

John 18:33-37 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“This Train”
Joyful Noise

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. 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Thanksgiving Praise”

Callender

Today’s Call to Worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/truth-telling/reign-of-christ-sunday-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/reign-of-christ-sunday-year-b-liturgical-resources> **Just Rule, An Intergenerational Liturgy for Reign of Christ Sunday**, was written by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/reign-of-christ-november-21/>

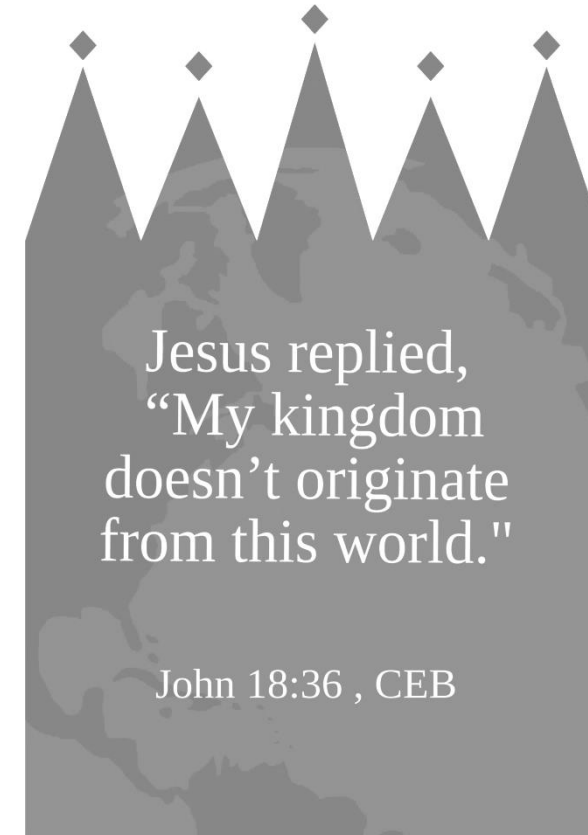
We commit ourselves...

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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**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 24, 2024

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young
Ushers: Alan & Sharon TenEyck Greeters: Carl & Jane Ridder
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.

This Morning - "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.

2024 Church Survey - For those who have not yet filled out the 2024 Church Survey, please take a copy from the ushers table or from Kathy Reed, fill out and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

This Afternoon - The Combined Christian Choir Thanksgiving concert will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington on Sunday, November 24th 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!

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzler	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 McNeil (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 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 – 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 Conform* – grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Church Calendar – November 24, 2024 to December 1, 2024

Today -	Reign of Christ Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church
Wed., Nov. 27 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., Nov. 28 -	THANKSGIVING Church Offices will be closed
Fri., Nov. 29 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Dec. 1 -	The 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Fellowship Hour

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!

Donations Needed! – The Green Team will be at the Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 8th with green ideas for gift wrapping. Donations of any size/kind fabric, ribbon, yarn, raffia and twine are needed. There is a box in the lower commons for your donations.

Next Sun., Dec. 1 – Come enjoy the music of the season with the Washington Civic Chorus on Sunday, December 1st 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!

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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