

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Ring the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Jesus Is Lord" Innes

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 146)*

Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.

Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.

Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation. Praise God!

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Ruth 2:1-15 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 655 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Righteous One, write your commandments on our hearts... not as a list of do's and don'ts but as a vision of the people who can be, the lives we may live, and the world we may create. Write liberation of the oppressed, care and wholeness of those with unmet needs, and revelation and understanding to those oblivious to the truth. Emblazon your law of love in our hearts, on our lips, and in our journey. Transform us with your love so that we may reflect your love toward our neighbor and toward ourselves. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are loved, and you have the power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you.

By God's love, we are forgiven! 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.

+ 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

Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Ruth 3:1-13 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Arise and Come to Jesus”

Chancel Choir

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 699

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Holy Communion

Invitation

An Affirmation of Faith - A New Creed (United Church of Canada 1968)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Communion Prayer

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank You for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ’s birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Remembrance

Invocation

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements

The Lord's Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Nicholas will place a piece of gluten free bread in your hand. Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice, and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle. Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving following Communion

O Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table. We praise you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "We Praise Thee" Sergisson

Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth 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. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-24b-november-3/>
The Communion Liturgy is adapted from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship.

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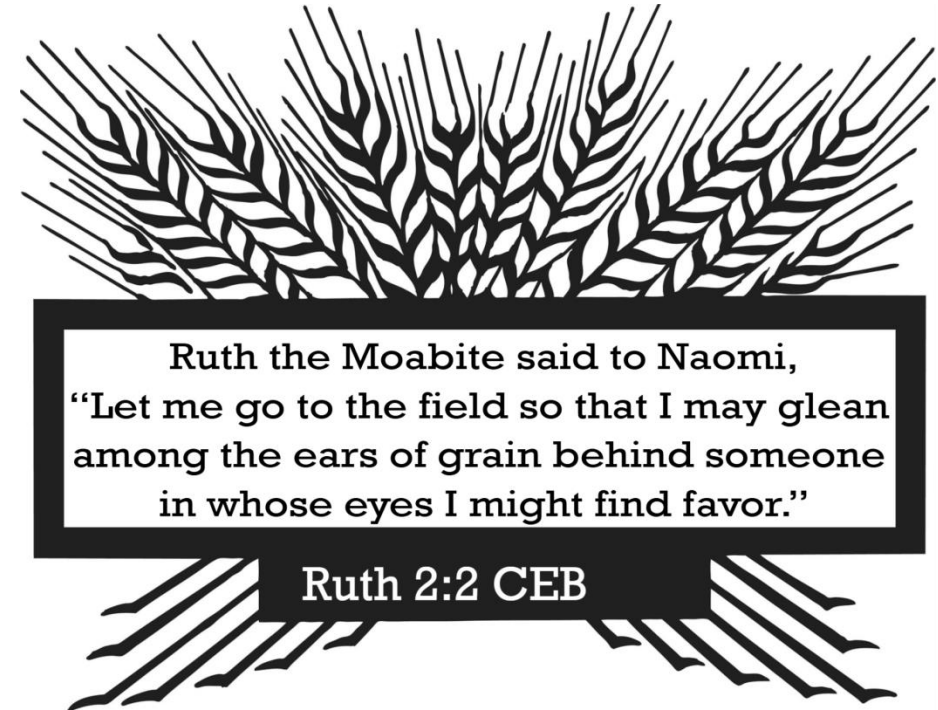
We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



+ The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost +

November 3, 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 3, 2024

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Edward Stierberger by Sandy Stierberger.

Communion Sunday - We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Connie Thompson
Ushers: Mark Klenke, Connor Muller Greeter: Verlyn Yarbrough
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, 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 - The November Congregational Meeting of Zion Church will be held this morning following the morning worship service in the sanctuary.

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 (eye surgery, 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 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 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-5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; Confirm NOT Conform – grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

Next Sun., Nov. 10 – ***Intergenerational Sunday School!*** ALL ages are invited to the Intergenerational Sunday School hour next Sunday, November 10th from 10-11 a.m. in the fellowship hall! Refreshments will be served.

Church Calendar – November 3, 2024 to November 10, 2024

Today -	The 24th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m.	Christian Education/Fellowship Hour
Wed., Nov. 6 -	12:00 noon	Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m.	LOGOS
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Nov. 7 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon	Quilting Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Audit Committee (conference room)
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., Nov. 8 -	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., Nov. 10 -	The 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Totenfest	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)/ Fellowship Hour

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

Next Sun., Nov. 10 – Next Sunday we will remember those who have entered their eternal rest. We will light a candle in their memory as a symbol of their faith in Christ, the light of the world.

Next Sun., Nov. 10 – We will again be assembling our winter care packages for the Little Free Pantry next Sunday during the ***Intergenerational Sunday School hour***. Please help us fill the packages by bringing in items throughout the month of November and dropping them off in the lower commons LFP Donation Basket. A list of items needed is also by the donation basket in the lower commons.

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!

Through November 11 – Zion will be collecting for this years Kurt Warner Coat Drive till November 11th. Please bring clean, gentle used coats to the lower commons and place them in the box marked for the coat drive. Thank you.

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).