

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“How Can I Keep from Singing”* arr. Beck
Kirk Hancox, soloist

Call to Worship *(adapted from various Psalms)*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Serve God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

It is good to sing praise to you and make music to your name, O Most High; to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

We will sing of your steadfast love forever, O God.

Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with joyful songs – with thanksgiving and praise! For God has taken away our garments of sadness and clothed us with joy, that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

Let everything that breathes praise God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 72 (all verses) *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the songs your people have sung through the ages. Forgive us when we trap your good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old

days. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the holy song and dance of life. Come to us, God, source of every blessing, and tune our lips to sing your praise. Amen.

Words of Grace

God forgives our sin and embraces us with a love that will not let us go.
Give thanks to God! God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn No. 354 (first verse) “Just As I Am”

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 98 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 300 (first verse) *“In the Garden”*

Hymn No. 302 (first verse) “He Lives”

Hymn No. 486 (first verse) *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

Hymn No. 499 (first verse) *“He Leadeth Me”*

Hymn No. 504 (first verse) *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. 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

Our hearts sing, O God – our hearts sing with joy and thanksgiving for your steadfast love, your unending compassion, your amazing grace. With gratitude we bring our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Bless and multiply our gifts, that they may bring your song of life and love to all. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17 RSVUE

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

“I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded”

(Words © Gerhard Tersteegen, 1757)

I sing the praise of love unbounded, which God in Christ has shown to man;

**I sing of love that has been founded ere yet the stars their courses ran;
The love that offers free salvation to sinful man of every nation.**

Hymn

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

(Words © Lesbia Scott, 1929)

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the God they loved and knew.**

**And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and another a shepherd
in pastures green;
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

(original verses plus a few for those of us who are getting older)

Words © Anna B. Warner, 1860

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, this I know, though my hair is white as snow,
Though my sight is growing dim, still he bids me trust in him.
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**When the nights are dark and long, in my heart he puts a song,
Tell me in words so clear, “Have no fear, for I am near.”
Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

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.

Prayer Response *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Words and music © Ken Medema, 1973

**Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Hymn No. 559 (first verse) *“Here I Am, Lord”*

Hymn No. 515 (all verses) *“Hymn of Promise”*

+ Closing Hymn

“O for a World”

Words © Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Tune: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (AZMON)

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise,
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

+ Benediction

It is good to give thanks to you, O God, to sing praises to your name.

**It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your
faithfulness by night.**

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to God our Savior!

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to God our
whole lives long. Amen.**

+ Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

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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.



Those who sing pray twice

St. Augustine

+ The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost +

June 22, 2025 + 9:00 a.m.

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Union, Missouri

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

SUNDAY NEWS

JUNE 22, 2025

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!!

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sue Leicht

Ushers: Donna Bocklage, Vicki Hooper Greeters: Alan & Sharon TenEyck

Camera Tech: Gil Bisjak Sound Tech: John Crane

(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

A special thank you to Kirk Hancox for being our pianist this morning. Thank you!

Usher Dismissal - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

During June - During the month of June we will again be collecting items for the USO at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. A 'wish list' of items to donate and a box to place donations is located in the lower commons. Thank you for your donations!

"These Days" devotionals for July-August-September are now available in the literature rack at the top of the grand staircase.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doebling	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)
Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)		Dave Hall (bypass surgery)	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)

Jim Petero (at Veteran's Home in St. James)	Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doebling)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doebling)
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)
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)	Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
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)	Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doebling)
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doebling)
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)	Laurie Becker
Bill Boland (friend of Hettie Becker)	

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Linda Kroeter	Jake McNiel (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)	
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)	Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)	
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)	Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)	

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)

Church Calendar – June 22, 2025 to June 29, 2025

Today -

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Wed., June 25 -	10:00 a.m. July Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., June 26 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., June 27 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Sat., June 28 -	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., June 29 -	The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use

Mon., June 23 – Final newsletter articles for the July 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, June 23rd. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, June 25th beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Next Sun., June 29 – All are invited to the Summer Singing concert with the Combined Christian Choir next Sunday, June 29th at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington (214 West 5th Street). For more information check the bulletin board in the lower commons. Admission is free.

Tornado Disaster Relief – We will be receiving monetary donations for the UCC Churches and their members in the St. Louis area who were affected by the recent tornado. Special envelopes are available in the narthex by the offering plate. Thank you for your gifts in helping our neighbors in need.

Help Thyself Meals - The gardens are planted and summer meals are being prepared for you from the Help Thyself group. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Be sure to mark the chart if you are taking meals or if you are donating meals. This is very helpful to the committee. We are here for you. Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5911), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159) and Donna Bocklage (636-584-4888).

Drumming Circle – Please note: There will be NO drumming circle until the fall.

Joyful Noise and Alleluia Kids will resume in the fall.

Little Food Pantry – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

Little Free Library – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

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