

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

9:00 a.m.

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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **“Froelich zu Seyn (To Be Joyous)”** Peueri/arr. Cody
 Plank Road Brass Quintet
 Dr. Kevin White, trumpet + Caleb Daugherty, trumpet +
 Eli Sullivan, French horn + Dan Schunks, trombone + Kurt Bauche, tuba

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 52*)

In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.

We thank you forever because of what you have done.

Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety. We call your presence our home.

We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful. You nourish us and shine your light upon us.

Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion, community and care.

We praise and exalt you, Eternal One. We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Abiding God, we invite you to inhabit our space. We long to renew our minds, restore our souls, and rest our presence before you. Still, we bring the burdens we carry into this gathering. We hold our responsibilities, cares, and concerns. Let us bind ourselves in your love and strength and the community of faithful and curious. We affirm that this time with you and one another equips and fortifies us for the

journey and helps us discern the better way. Be glorified in our worship. Be honored by our praise. Be known by your people, O Creator, Teacher, and Friend. In your many names, we pray. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Genesis 11:27-12:9 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 559

“Here I Am, Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, evil surrounds us and entices us to join in its ways, of matching energy and returning evil for evil, of seeking the comfortable and convenient way over the common good, of turning from pain and despair rather than leaning into solidarity and support. Help us, O God, to choose the path you have paved and give us strength to journey into rough spaces. Surround us with hosts of righteousness and infuse us with peace that surpasses understanding as we serve as agents and ambassadors of your kin-dom. As you continually make all things new, fill us with the joy of new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Citizens of the kin-dom, commit anew to the joys and costs of discipleship. Creator has endowed you, in grace, the power to be witnesses of the Living God and the promise of the reign of God on earth. Release shame, doubt, and fear in order to choose good things and better ways to be in communion with the Triune God and neighbor.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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
Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we celebrate the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of this faith community. Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive the testimony of compassionate care, action, and sharing. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...
Thanks be to God!

Special Music
“Five Pieces”
Plank Road Brass Quintet
Holborne

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.

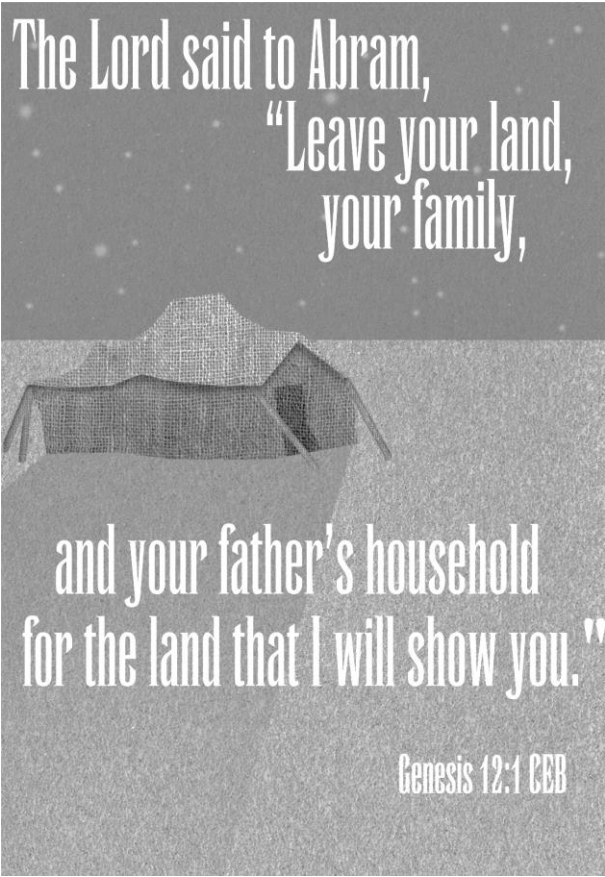
+ Closing Hymn No. 350 “The Summons”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude “Washington Post March”
Sousa

Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 20, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Alysha Petry
Ushers: Susan Merlino, Karen Tucker Greeter: Verlyn Yarbrough
Sound Tech: David Bean Video Tech: Karen Stafford
(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.

Round Table Discussions – This Morning & Sun., Aug. 24 – Discussions on the Hansen Trust will be held on this morning & Sunday, August 24 following the worship service in the fellowship hall. We will begin discerning how the money will be used for general charitable purposes.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzer	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 Doehring)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	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)
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 Doehring)
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)
Laurie Becker	Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Brenda Viehland	Linda Kroeter	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)
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 – July 20, 2025 to July 27, 2025

Today -	The 6th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Round Table Discussion (fellowship hall)
Wed., July 23 -	10:00 a.m. August Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:30 p.m. Rummage Sale Meeting (lower commons)
Thurs., July 24 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	7:00 p.m. Lower Commons in use
Fri., July 25 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use

Sat., July 26 - 8:00 a.m. Set up for Rummage Sale
Next Sun., July 27 - The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale Drop Off
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

August Newsletter Articles – Mon., July 21 – Final newsletter articles for the August 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, July 21st. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, July 23rd at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Rummage Sale Meeting – Wed., July 23 – A meeting for all who will be helping with the Rummage Sale (or all who are interested in helping with the Rummage Sale) will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the lower commons.

Membership Review Committee – Mon., July 28 – The Membership Review Committee will be meeting on Monday July 28th at 4 p.m. If anyone is interested in finding out what the Committee is doing they are invited to come to the meeting.

Rummage Sale Drop Off Dates – Drop off dates for the upcoming Rummage Sale are as follows: Sunday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon; Monday, July 28, Tuesday, July 29 & Wednesday, July 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; there is NO drop off on Thursday.

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).

Union Food Pantry Needs! – The Union Food Pantry is in immediate need of peanut butter, jelly and breakfast cereals. Please bring donations to the church and place them in the Food Pantry barrel in the lower commons next to the bulletin board. Thank you!

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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