

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 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 *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”* Broughton

Call to Worship (Inspired By Psalm 85)
Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.
Restore us, O God, and stir anger within for the pain and injustices of the world.
Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.
Revive us, O God, and bring joy to our hearts and a song of praise on our lips.
Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.
Redeem us, O God, and call your people back to you in spirit and in truth.


Gathering Prayer
Let us pray.
One Who Is Holy, make us like new, show us your way, teach us to pray with our hearts and our hands. Give us the word today that we need to know you. Give us hope today to be a beacon in a world full of lost and confused. Give us joy today to make your name known. Give us peace today to respond with courage, fortitude, and conviction. Give us love today to love as you have loved us. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Genesis 13:1-18 CEB
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...
Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 35 *“Morning Has Broken”*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
God Who Reigns in Glory and meets us in need, we seek your forgiveness and restoration. We drown in a system of debt rather than generosity and common good. May our obligations not burden us, and may we not burden others when compassion is abundantly available. We struggle not to encroach on our neighbor’s territory when boundaries are arbitrary and limiting rather than purposeful and expansive. Help us turn from sin and temptation as well as guilt and shame when we struggle to live fully in your kin-dom. Amen.

Words of Grace
Offspring of the Living God, live in the grace of the kin-dom. Receive the vision of restored creation: abundance, compassion, generosity, and inclusion. Live in your full humanity as image bearers of the Holy.
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. 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 God in Glory, may the good gifts we bring of time, talent, and treasure be used and magnified for the benefit of your beloved. Thank you, Holy One, for enabling us to join in your kin-dom come on earth. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Genesis 14:1-24 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 22

“Let All Things Now Living”

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. 51

“How Great Thou Art”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Praise His Name”

Stairs

Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.
<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-7c-july-27/>

We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



**Abram said to Lot,
“Let’s not have disputes
between me and you
and between our herders
since we are relatives.
Isn’t the whole land
in front of you?
Let’s separate.**

Genesis 13:8-9a,CEB

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Zion United Church of Christ

Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 27, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox
Ushers: Susan Merlino, Karen Tucker Greeters: Armin & Norma Klemme
Sound Tech: David Bean Video Tech: Gil Bisjak
(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.

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)		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 27, 2025 to August 3, 2025

Today -	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
Mon., July 28 -	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop-off 4:00 p.m. Membership Team Meeting (conference room)
Tues., July 29 -	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop-off
Wed., July 30 -	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop-off
Fri., August 1 -	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
Sat., August 2 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale 12:00 noon Clean up/Tear down of Rummage Sale
Next Sun., August 3 -	The 8th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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: this morning until 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).

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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