

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 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 “Great Is the Lord” Moore

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 30*)

Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us in love.

Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times of trouble. You strengthen us for the journey.

Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Redeemer and Friend, you hear our cry, redeem the years of struggle, and restore our joy. Praise the Holy One!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Good Shepherd, we come to worship you, to tell of the story of your marvelous deeds, to lament the horrors and suffering in the world, to find strength to be your witnesses, and to remind ourselves of the truth of what is possible. May our prayers rise to your heart, and your heart infiltrate our prayers. May we sing songs that move you with delight and compassion. May we recognize and ponder the wisdom you impart to us. And, may peace rest upon us as we gather in your name. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Galatians 6:1-10 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 God, forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water. Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy. Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

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

We give you thanks, Wise God, for cultivating generosity within us and alerting us to the needs around us. Use these gifts for the expansion of your will on earth and the blessing of your beloved. In your name and in hope, we give these gifts. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 10:1-20 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 626

“O God of Every Nation”

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. 697 *(repeat 3 times)* *“Eat This Bread”*

An Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed *(United Church of Canada)*

**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.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Remembrance

Invocation

Come Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Renewer of life, settle on these gifts and all who gather here, that we might be transformed in our remembrance of your radical love, your eternal embrace, and your grace that makes all things new. For the sake of our shared lives, the life of this land on which we live, and the lives of those yet to come, nourish us and renew our hope that soon Christ may rise again among us. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Wine

+ 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 bread in your hand. (All Bread is Gluten-Free) 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

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. 730 *“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“United in Faith”* Ritter

Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.
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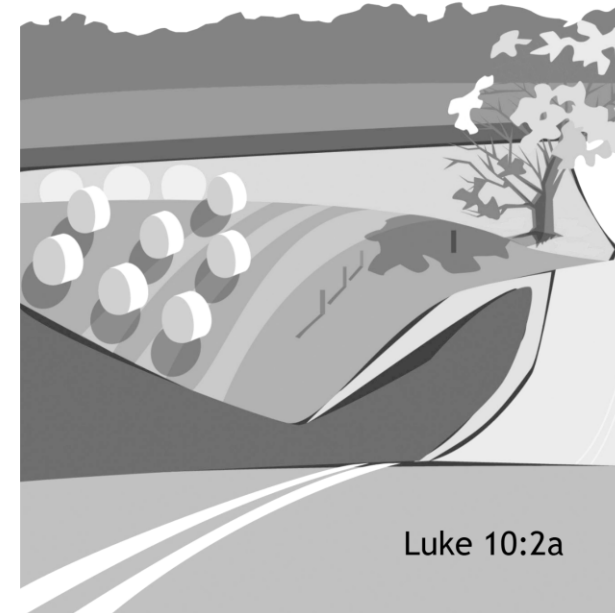
The Invitation, Remembrance, and Invocation of today’s communion Liturgy were created by “Enfleshed” a spiritual resource collective. To learn more, please visit enfleshed.com

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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 harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few”



Luke 10:2a

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Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 6, 2025

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: Richard Young
Ushers: Sue Leicht, Lee Parks Greeters: Bill & Fern Dewert
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ken & Carol Rohrbach
Sound 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.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doebling	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 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)	
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 6, 2025 to July 13, 2025

Today -	The 4th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., July 9 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom) 12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
Thurs., July 10 -	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Fri., July 11 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
Next Sun., July 13 -	The 5th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Round Table Discussions – Discussions on the Hansen Trust will be held on ***Sundays, July 20 & August 24*** following the worship service in the fellowship hall. We will begin discerning how the money will be used for general charitable purposes.

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

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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