

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 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 *“Chorale Prelude on ‘St. Stephen’”* Troutman

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 80)*

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

The world is ablaze around us with pain and suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice and brokenness.

Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your creation.

Let your Holy Fire meet the infernos that seek to consume us with refining and renewing power.

Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within your kin-dom that will spread as a wildfire of righteousness and love.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

God, who sees, like a good shepherd, you are the one who leads us still. Make your greatness known to us, O Lord, that we might sing of your salvation. Spring up a well of righteousness within us. Gather us in your name, reassure us with your peace, convict us with your justice, and send us with your courage to bless all the world. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 80 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 569 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that the world is not as it should be. Through our actions, by what we have done and left undone, by what we have failed to do, or failed to be, this world is not as it could be. Forgive us for our wrongdoing, our half-measure, our sin. Transform our hearts and minds to follow in your way. Lead us, guide us, inspire us, to be your people. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

The God of Hagar sees you. The God of Ishmael hears the yearning of your heart. May your hearts be glad and rejoice in knowing that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy God, who provides, who gifts, and who refines. We offer these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they extend beyond the walls of our sanctuaries so that your name will be known through us. May they spark hope and joy to dispel despair and despondency. May needs be met and lives changed through our giving and our living. Receive these gifts as our tangible prayer that your kingdom come and will be done. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Genesis 16:1-16 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“It Is Well With My Soul”

arr. Rice

Kirk Hancox, soloist

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. 500 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of **Dennis Harrison**.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Recessional in C”

Otis

The Call to worship and Prayer of Dedication for the Tenth-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-10c-august-17/>

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

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

SUNDAY NEWS

AUGUST 17, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Ken Rohrbach
Ushers: Rudy & Darlene Ahmann Greeter: Colleen Simons
Sound Tech: Harvey Mefford Video 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.

General Synod Discussion – This Morning – Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the service this morning and join Alysha Petry, Karen Stafford and Skyler Grimm Hardin as they share their experiences from the latest General Synod.

On Our List For Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Myrt Dunigan	Hettie Becker
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)		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)	

A New Life in the Family:

Elijah Matthew Herring, son of Luke & Drenda Herring, was born on Tuesday, August 12th. Grandparents are Matthew & Brenda Herring and Michelle Hess and David Hess. The rose on the altar is in honor of his birth.

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 – August 17, 2025 to August 24, 2025

Today -	The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. General Synod Highlights (fellowship hall)
Tues., Aug. 19 -	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
Wed., Aug. 20 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Aug. 21 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
	9:00 a.m. Help Thyself Team (conference room)

Fri., Aug. 22 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

Next Sun., Aug. 24 - The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

10:00 a.m. Round Table Discussion (fellowship hall)

Historical Display Cabinet – Dorothy Mitana – During the month of August stop by the Historical Display Cabinet upstairs in the narthex area to see the display celebrating the 90th birthday of Dorothy Mitana. Happy Birthday!

Zion Book Club – Tues., Aug. 19 – Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19th in the lower commons. The book they will be discussing is "*The Secret Life of Bees*" by Sue Monk Kidd. All are invited to join the group!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin – Aug. 20 – Chancel choir resumes on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30. New members from 7th grade through adult are welcome!

Round Table Discussion – Next Sun., Aug. 24 – The second Round Table Discussion on the Hansen Trust will be held on Sunday, August 24 following the worship service in the fellowship hall. We will continue discerning how the money will be used for general charitable purposes.

LOGOS Adult Education – Wed., Sept. 3 – The Green Team begins a new year of LOGOS with an adult education opportunity. Mike Saxton from Shaw Nature Reserve will be speaking about habitat restoration at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. If you are planning to stay for dinner, please RSVP to Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org or call the church office.

Special Congregational Meeting – Sun., Sept. 7 – The purpose of the Special Congregational Meeting called by the Zion Church Council will be to approve the recommendation of the Properties Committee to install one continuous railing and clear tempered glass to the balcony for safety. The quote is \$13,190.69. The council proposed the funds to pay for the project be taken from the Building & Property Restricted Funds.

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.

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.

CASA Seeking Volunteers – CASA of Mid-east Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Trained Volunteer Advocates spend one-on-one time with these children, understanding their needs and concerns to advocate for them in court, ensuring their journey in foster care is safe and supported. The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in October with an application deadline of September 19th. To apply, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit www.casamideastmo.org or call 636-583-4422.

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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