

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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 *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* Williams

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 71*)

Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope, and trust. Our praise is continually of our God!

God will not put us to shame. God is our rock!

Turn to the God who saves and delivers. Our praise is continually of our God!

God’s righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!

Find rest and delight in the Holy One. Our praise is continually of our God!

We lean upon the Holy One. God is our sure foundation!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of the Sabbath, you make this day holy. As we gather in your name, redeem the days when our focus wandered and draw us back to you. Let your wisdom, justice, and compassion guide us. Slow our pace to attend to those things that matter. Open our understanding to the good that needs to be done. Sustain us for the challenges we face, make your name known among us, and through us. We glorify and honor you in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed, in season and out of season. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-9 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 48 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess that too often we want the world to change and refuse to change ourselves. Help us grow. Help us transform. Help us loose the bonds of injustice. Help us undo the straps of the yoke and break every chain. Help us not hide away from the problems of the world. Grant us the courage to confront the afflictions of the world with hope and grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

Words of Grace

May God’s mercy shine down on you like the light breaking forth at dawn. May the glory of the Lord’s blessing be with you, transforming your love into action.

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

Gracious and Generous God, receive these gifts in faith and trust. Help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given to us and bless our generosity for your glory. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Genesis 17:1-27 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 461

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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. 68 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“Salvation and Strength”*

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The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Prayer of Dedication were written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.
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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.



GOD SAID TO HIM... "BECAUSE I HAVE MADE YOU THE ANCESTOR OF MANY NATIONS, YOUR NAME WILL NO LONGER BE ABRAM BUT ABRAHAM. WHOSE HOPE IS THE LORD." GENESIS 17:5

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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 24, 2025

The flowers in the chancel area are in honor of the 90th Birthday of Dorothy Mitana given by her children Sue & Gerard Straatmann, Linda & Will Fischer, Tom & Victoria Mitana and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jane Ridder

Ushers: Rudy & Darlene Ahmann Greeters: Lee & Susan Newman

Sound Tech: Harvey Mefford Video Tech: Dan Mossoney

(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 Discussion – This Morning – The second Round Table Discussion on the Hansen Trust will be held this morning in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We will continue 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
Brenda Viehland	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)	

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

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)
Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)	

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 24, 2025 to August 31, 2025

Today -	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)
Mon., Aug. 25 -	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
Wed., Aug. 27 -	10:00 a.m. September Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love
	4:00 p.m. Membership Review Committee (conference room)
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (chapel)

Thurs., Aug. 28 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
6:30 p.m. All-In Tour Preview (fellowship hall)
Fri., Aug. 29 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Aug. 31 - The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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!

September Newsletter Final Articles Due – Aug. 25 – Final articles for the September 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, August 25th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, August 27th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin – Aug. 27 – Chancel choir resumes on Wednesday, August 27, at 7:30. New members from 7th grade through adult are welcome!

All-In UCC Music Project – Aug. 28 – Everyone is invited to a special hybrid event All-In UCC & Music Project on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Rev. Eric Moeller will feature live music and a sneak peek of his presentation 'Born to Run: An Expression of Liberative Divine Movement That Is Rock 'N Roll'. The event is free but donations will be accepted.

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 Mideast 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!

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Knoblauch
Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry
Organist: Brenda Herring
Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford

Administrative Assistant: Connie Thompson
Coordinator of Elementary Youth: Mandy Frick
Council President: Fern Dewert
Church Custodian: Joy Bradley