

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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 “Sing Them Over Again to Me” Southbridge

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 66*)

We celebrate the Holy One who eases our souls.

Come and see what God has done!

We celebrate the Holy One who keeps us from slipping.

Come and see what God has done!

We celebrate the Holy One whose steadfast love sustains us.

Come and see what God has done!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, Compassionate Architect, You are the bearer of all our souls, the hope of all possibilities when walls surround us. You carve paths in mountainous regions when our roads appear blocked. You build bridges between people separated by gaps and distances. May we create channels so that your children continue to form relationships with one another and with you. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 111 CEB

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 502 “Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, Creator of All, as your Spirit nudges people from all experiences and lands into our lives, we often turn the sign from “Come In! We’re Open!” to “Sorry, We’re Closed.” It’s easier for us to draw the curtains and remain in the shadows than open ourselves up to the light, to healing, and all the possibilities that God sends our way. May your Spirit swing open our souls to all possibilities of newness. May our unlocked minds notice the ways your presence fills our hearts with expanding love and hope. Amen.

Words of Grace

In each season of our lives, God’s grace continuously transforms our hearts. May we return our gratitude and celebrate the glory of God in our Alleluias and Amens.

Alleluia and Amen! Thanks be to God!

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

Divine Crafter of Joy, through your great works, we see your glory. Through our work together, we reflect your glory to a world of pain. May we deliver your dreams and build your Realm here on earth. Bless the work of our hearts as we move into a future filled with hope and living your visions. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

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

Thanks be to God!

Luke 17:11-19 CEB

Special Music

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Beck

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. 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“With Sounding Timbrel”

Nordman

Return to Give Glory: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.
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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.



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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

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young
Ushers: Matt Herring & Karen Tucker Greeter: Verlyn Yarbrough
Sound Tech/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.

Intergenerational Sunday School - Join us for the Intergenerational Sunday School this morning in the fellowship hall following the service. A brunch will be provided for all.

CROP Walk - The CROP Walk will begin today at Zion Church beginning with registration at 12:30 p.m. The Walk begins at 1 p.m. Walkers are asked, if possible, to bring non perishable food items to the Walk to add to the impact against hunger.

Neighbors In Need Offering - Gifts to Neighbors In Need support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Offering envelopes were included in the October newsletter and additional envelopes are available by the offering plate.

"These Days" Devotionals for October/November/December are now available in the literature rack located at the top of the grand staircase.

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 Aspen Valley Fox Crest in Washington)	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)	Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		
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)		
Laurie Becker	Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)		
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)			

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Jane Gulledge & family on the death of her brother, Kevin Schowe, who died on October 6th. Visitation for Kevin will be on Monday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schrader Funeral Home in Manchester, MO. Funeral service will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. at Schrader Funeral Home.

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)	Sharon Birke (sister of Ron Griffin)

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)

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

This Morning – Intergenerational Sunday School for everyone in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service.

Church Calendar – October 12, 2025 to October 19, 2025

Today -	The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall) 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk
Mon., Oct. 13 -	6:30 p.m. Finance (classroom) November newsletter articles due
Tues., Oct. 14 -	8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lower commons in use
Wed., Oct. 15 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 6:15 p.m. Meditative Drum Circle (chapel) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Oct. 16 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Oct. 17 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Oct. 19 -	The 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m. Informational Budget Meeting (fellowship hall)

November Newsletter Articles Due – Mon., Oct. 13 – Articles for the November 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, October 13th.

Informational Budget Meeting – Next Sun., Oct. 19 – The second informational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19th following the 9 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for members to review the proposed 2026 budget and ask questions. A copy of the proposed 2026 budget is now available on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins. We will still meet on November 2nd for our congregational meeting.

Meditative Drum Circle – Meditative Drum Circle is back! Come join us for a time of reflection and fellowship through rhythm on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning October 15 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Warner's Winter Warm Up (Coat Drive) – Zion is again participating in the Warner's Winter Warm Up Coat Drive. Please bring gently used jackets and coats to church and place them in the box in the lower commons which will be given to local food pantries and other local organizations. Donations will be accepted from October 20 – November 2.

Zion Book Club – Tues., Oct. 21 – Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 21st in the lower commons at 1:30 p.m. The book they are reading and will be discussing is "*Remarkably Bright Creatures*" by Shelby Van Pelt.

A Request from the Quilters – Zion Quilters are asking if you or anyone you know has quilts that need to be quilted to please contact the church office or one of the quilters. Thank you!

Hope Ranch of Missouri will be accepting several new teen girls as residents in the next few weeks. Needed supplies include: shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash or bar soap, feminine hygiene products, facial tissue toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes. In addition, household cleaning supplies are needed to replenish stores to save money for other uses. Supplies include: paper towels, microfiber cleaning cloths, Mr. Clean kitchen sponges, Dawn dish soap, dishwasher tablets, rinse aid for dishwashers, all-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Swiffer refills, 33-gal trash bags, windex, toilet bowl cleaner. Please consider a donation of the above items and drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

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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