

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                      *“I Will Lift Up My Eyes”*                      Davidson

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 98)*

O Sing to our Creator a New Song,  
**Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!**  
With trumpets and sounds of the horn  
**We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.**  
The hills will sing together in bliss.  
**Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we serenade our Creator.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.  
**Beloved Divine Sustainer, like the sunlight, your presence illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture                      Psalm 98 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...  
**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 71                      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Strength, at the signs of conflict in our communities and world, we cower instead of running towards the needs of our neighbors. We believe the end is near, but in actuality, this is another wave of dread coming from our fellow humans. Unfortunately, we can't simply wish this conflict away. Instead, you call us to walk through the fire and to use our voices. Forgive us when we want to stop instead of continuing to follow the way of Jesus. Give us grace to keep moving forward, even when betrayal and hate are raining upon us. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Shame and despair will not overtake us. The grace of God sustains us from dawn until dusk and in the depths of the night.  
**We are forgiven! Thanks 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](http://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

**Creator God, Source of All Energy, we see how your gifts transform the hearts, minds, and souls of this world. May your wisdom continue to strengthen our spirits. Through our gifts of treasures, talents, and time, we can serve your children, ensuring no one goes hungry and all are thriving. Through our endurance and compassion, may we build God's Realm here on earth. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Luke 21:5-19 CEB

Special Music

*“The Prayer”*

Kirk Hancox, soloist

arr. Fettke

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. 398

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Recessional in C”*

Otis

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**Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-23c-november-16/>

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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.*

**“As for the things you are admiring,  
the time is coming when not even  
one stone will be left upon another.”**

Luke 21:6a, CEB



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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

# NOVEMBER 16, 2025

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Colleen Simons  
Ushers: Alan & Sharon TenEyck Greeters: Bill & Fern Dewert  
Sound Tech: Dan Mossoney 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.

## 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)		
Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)	Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		
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)		
Vivian Diener (cousin of Hettie Becker)	Marilyn Fish (aunt of Carla Kilgore)		

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

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)
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sunday** - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; *Faith Quest* - preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 7-12 will meet in the high school room.

## Church Calendar - November 16, 2025 to November 23, 2025

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Christian Education Hour</b>
<b>Mon., Nov. 17 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom) DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
<b>Wed., Nov. 19 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 6:15 p.m. Meditative Drum Circle (chapel) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 20 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
<b>Fri., Nov. 21 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

**Next Sun., Nov. 23 - The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
**10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Christian Education Hour**  
**10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church**

**December Newsletter Articles Due** – Final articles for the December 'Spirit of Zion' are due in the church office on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**ECH Christmas Gifts/Donations until November 23** - Each year Zion Church collects items for Every Child's Hope 'Hope Chest'. Donations for the 'Hope Chest' store will be collected until November 23<sup>rd</sup>. A box with the list of items most needed is in the lower commons until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This 'Hope Chest' provides items that the residents of ECH can access to buy items for their families. The residents of ECH enjoy being able to gift their families with presents during the holiday season. Thank you for your donations!

**Greening of the Church – Next Sun., Nov. 23** – Everyone is invited following the worship service next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. Following the decorating, a pizza lunch will be provided.

**Combined Christian Choir Concert – Next Sun., Nov. 23** – The Combined Christian Choir will present a Thanksgiving Concert on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wasington, Missouri beginning at 3 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering to benefit local efforts on behalf of children in need and those who feed the hungry will be received.

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Sat., Nov. 29** – All are invited to the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Melva Puls on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at the Union Senior Center. No gifts please! Come and help celebrate with Melva and her family!

**Advent Workshop on Nov. 30** – All are invited to the Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> following the worship service in the fellowship hall where the group will make ornaments and decorate Christmas cookies. **ALSO:** The Green Team will be at the Advent Workshop. Come explore the many ways you can use fabric to wrap gifts instead of paper (most of which cannot be recycled). Your donations of fabric, ribbon, and raffia would be appreciated - Christmas colors and designs are optional. There is a box in the Lower Commons for your donations. Thank you!

**Winter Care Packages Collection During November** – Donations are needed to help fill the Winter Care Packages for the Little Free Pantry. Items needed include: gloves, hand warmers, hand lotion, ChapStick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Kleenex, chocolate candy, hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, granola bars, beef jerky, dried fruit, applesauce cups, nuts, trail mix, soup, Chef Boyardee cups, mac & cheese cups. Please place your donations in the Little Free Pantry basket in the lower commons by the bulletin board. Thank you!

**Meditative Drum Circle** – The next Meditative Drum Circle "Inner Prayers" will be on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**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 tables, 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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