

# Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

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                    *“See How Great a Flame Aspires”*                    Scriveyner

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 104*)

How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God’s creatures.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God’s works!**

How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God’s beloved.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.**

How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God’s redeemed.

**May our meditation be pleasing to the Spirit, rejoice in the Holy One!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kin-dom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:3-13 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

New Member Welcome:

Invitation

Sentences

Questions of the Candidates

Welcome and Reception

Let us, members of Zion United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hope and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Zion United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church, Julie, Keith, and Robert, Children of God, disciples of Christ, members of the church. Let us pray.

**O God, we praise You for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together, may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ Opening Hymn No. 329                    *“Come, O, Spirit, Dwell Among Us”*

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.**

## Words of Grace

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

**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

**Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your Kin-dom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. Amen.**

## Second Reading of Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn No. 326

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

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. 551

*“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide”*

Hughes

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Today's Worship Materials come from **Who Is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year A** 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/day-of-pentecost-year-a-may-24/>

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

# SUNDAY NEWS

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**Welcome!** We welcome Keith & Julie Wadley & Robert Hawker into the life and fellowship of Zion Church this morning.

## **Serving This Morning**

Liturgist: Carol Rohrbach  
Ushers: Dennis & Karen Tucker  
Greeters: Lee & Susan Newman  
Sound Tech: Matt Herring 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.

**This Morning** - You are invited to share in birthday cake as the family celebrates the recent 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Armin Klemme in the fellowship hall this morning following worship.

## **On Our List For Prayers**

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn	Gerry Hoelscher	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)	
Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)		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)	
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)		Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)	
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)		Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)	

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

Linda Kroeter	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyliss Fink)
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)
Jenny Brittingham (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)	Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Monty McGavock (brother of Kathy Young)	Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern Dewert)

### **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)

## **Church Calendar – May 24, 2026 to May 31, 2026**

<b>Today -</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship/New Members Welcomed</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Mon., May 25 -</b>	MEMORIAL DAY (Church Offices will be closed)
<b>Wed., May 27 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 7:00 p.m. Women's Chorus rehearsal
<b>Thurs., May 28 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle

**Fri., May 29 -** 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

**Next Sun., May 31 - Trinity Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
**A10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour**

**Sat., June 6** – Sixteen church members are signed up to go to the Dinner and A Show at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to pay Fern Dewert for your tickets.

**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! A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board.

**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!

**Please note! Styrofoam collection** at biospan technologies is temporarily paused. The company needs to catch up on processing its current collection before collecting more. Please note this pause will begin on April 1st and will last for several months. We will let you know when this collection resumes.

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**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