

# Trinity Sunday

May 31, 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 "Holy, Holy" Owen

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 8*)

O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?**

O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 350

"The Summons"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times.

**We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, the God of Many Names has declared you good. You need not seek perfection. Your sins are forgiven. Creator has called you as a co-worker in the continual progressive acts of shaping the beloved community envisioned. The Holy One is with us in our work and with us in our rest.

**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

**Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us. Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Genesis 1:1—2:4a NRSVue

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**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“Not Too Far from Here”*

Fettke

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. 644 *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“Reverie Religieuse”*

Sergisson

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Today’s Worship Materials come from Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday 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/trinity-sunday-year-a-may-31/>

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

# MAY 31, 2026

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young  
Ushers: Sue Leicht & Karen Tucker  
Greeter: Vicki Hooper  
Sound Tech: Matt Herring 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.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzer	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn	Gerry Hoelscher		
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)	

### **Sympathy Is Extended to:**

Carol & John Crane on the death of their husband & father, Bruce, who died on May 28. A memorial service will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Zion Church.

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

Linda Kroeter	Keith Wadly	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 Phyllis 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)

## Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

**Vacation Bible School – Sat., July 18** – Mark your calendars now! Enjoy a day of camp activities in VBS style at Camp MoVal from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participate in archery, boating, games, music, bible story and crafts. Lunch will be provided. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/222334386499062>. We hope you all can join us at our ONE DAY VBS at Camp MoVal!

**Annual Pool Party – Sat. July 18** – Everyone is invited to the Zion Annual Pool Party at Camp MoVal on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. Hotdogs and snow cones will be provided. Bring a snack to share.

## Church Calendar – May 31, 2026 to June 7, 2026

<b>Today -</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Wed., June 3 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons) 7:00 p.m. Women's Chorus rehearsal (chapel)
<b>Thurs., June 4 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
<b>Fri., June 5 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
<b>Next Sun., June 7 -</b>	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>

**Sat., June 6 – Zion Fellowship** – Those who will be going to the Dinner and A Show at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville on June 6<sup>th</sup> - if you would like to carpool please meet in the back parking lot of Zion at 4:30 p.m.

**All Union Food Pantry Volunteers!** – All current and former Union Food Pantry volunteers are invited for a picture to be taken to celebrate the Union Food Pantry's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Please come to the Food Pantry (113 W. Locust) on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:30 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! 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!

**CASA is looking for Volunteers** – CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Our 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. There are children in our area who need a CASA! The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in July with an application deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>. To APPLY, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit [casamideastmo.org](http://casamideastmo.org) or call 636-583-4422.

**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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday-8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays) + Church Office: (636/583-2814)

**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