

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

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 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* Hughes

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 116*)

We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall we return to the Holy One for God’s bounty to us?

With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!

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Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God’s bounty to us?

With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise the Holy One!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship. We are here to sing and to pray, to let the word resound in us and the community to envelop us. We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you. We enter with thanksgiving and praise. We enter the safety of love and the hope of peace. Holy One, we respond to your call. We are here. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Romans 5:1-8 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 35 *“Morning Has Broken”*

The Baptism of ***Elijah Matthew Herring***

Welcome

Questions of the Candidates

Address

Congregational Assent

Prayer of Baptism

Please join me in prayer. We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary’s womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by the water and the Holy Spirit.

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit, save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Baptized

This child is now received into the continued love and care of his family and friends in the good hope that hereafter he may continue to brighten the world through his love. Let us pray for Elijah, baptized today.

We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father, heavenly parent of us all, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as children in the one household of your love. As Elijah has been baptized by our ministry into the Christian church, so may he, by your guidance, become one with Christ. Breathe upon him now and always your Holy Spirit. Grant that his love may be a blessing to his home and the world. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ. Grant the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life. Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kin-dom. Amen.

Words of Grace

Gracious ones, you may receive the nourishment and encouragement of God to be fruitful even when the Holy One amazes us beyond expectation and dream. God is with us in season and out of season. Expect an abundant and bountiful harvest to witness to God's grace at work in and through us.

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

Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give. Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Matthew 9:35-10:15 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

Hymn No. 560

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and 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. 391

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

Bach

Today's Worship Materials come from Journeyed on by Stages: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after 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/after-pentecost-2a-june-7/>

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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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Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

JUNE 14, 2026

Baptism

We are happy to receive *Elijah Matthew Herring* in Christian baptism this morning. It is our responsibility as a congregation to support the baptismal candidate as he grows in the nurture and admonition of our Lord.

Elijah Matthew Herring

born: August 12, 2025

son of Luke & Drenda Herring

Grandparents: Matthew & Brenda Herring, David Hess & Michelle Hess

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Karen Tucker

Ushers: Gale Claggett & Vicki Hooper

Greeters: Armin & Norma Klemme

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.

"These Days" devotional books for July-August-September are available in the literature rack at the top of the grand staircase.

USO Collection - During the month of June we will again be collecting items for the USO at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. A 'wish list' of items to donate and a box to place donations is located in the lower commons. Thank you for your donations!

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

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| Jim Doehring | Phyllis Olson | Carolyn Donoho | Charlotte Ellison |
| Brenda Viehland | Kim Yenzen | 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) | | Ada Price (daughter of Mindy Gerstner's friend) | |

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

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| Linda Kroeter | Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport) |
| Susie Andell | Keith Wadley |
| 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) | Ken Laboube (friend of Hettie Becker) |

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

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 18th from 3-5 p.m. Hotdogs and snow cones will be provided. Bring a snack to share.

Church Calendar – June 14, 2026 to June 21, 2026

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| Today - | The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour |
| Mon., June 15 - | 7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom) |
| Wed., June 17 - | 12:00 noon Loops of Love |
| Thurs., June 18 - | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle |
| Fri., June 19 - | 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use |
| Next Sun., June 21 - | The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour |

July-August Newsletter Articles Due – Wed., June 17 – **PLEASE NOTE** that the date of newsletter articles to be submitted to the office for the July-August newsletter has changed to June 17. We will be doing a *COMBINED* July-August newsletter so please submit articles for the July-August newsletter by June 17th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, June 24th at 10 a.m.

All Union Food Pantry Volunteers – Tues., June 23 – All current and former Union Food Pantry volunteers are invited for a picture to be taken to celebrate the Union Food Pantry's 35th 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 1st. To APPLY, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit 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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