

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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                    *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways”*                    Wilson

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 13)*

We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

**We gather even when wearied by the world because we trust in God’s steadfast love.**

Our souls may ask, “How long, Holy One?” Yet our hearts rejoice in your saving acts.

**We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because we hope in God’s steadfast love.**

We gather to sing to the Holy One who has been generous with us.

**Our worship and our work testifies to the goodness of the God who prevails. Let us worship the God of Life!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. We glorify your name, for you, Holy and Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation. We open our hearts and minds to remember the testimonies of the past and to receive the truth revealed in your word for the present. May you delight in our praise as we honor you and encourage one another in the journey of faithful living. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Matthew 10:40-42 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 496                    *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful servants who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.**

Words of Grace

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. You are forgiven and free. Receive the grace of God.

**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, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors. We participate in the realization of the kin-dom through our offering of material resources to the Body of Christ. Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kin-dom. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Romans 6:12-23 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

*“How Firm A Foundation”*

arr. Ortega

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. 523

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

*“March From ‘Scipio’”*

Handel

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Today's Worship Materials come from "It Shall Be Provided": Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Year A, which 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-5a-june-28/>

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

# SUNDAY NEWS

# JUNE 28, 2026

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Sallie Hancox  
Ushers: Donna Bocklage & Verlyn Yarbrough  
Greeter: Cindy Groenke  
Sound Tech: John Crane 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!

**Zion Fellowship Event** - Those attending the Zion Fellowship event of the Combined Christian Choir's Summer Concert this afternoon should meet at the back lot of Zion at 4:45 p.m. if you want to carpool to Miller's Grill in Washington for dinner at 5:15 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Church in Washington.

**Combined Christian Choir Summer Concert - This Evening** - "American Jubilee" will be presented at 7 p.m. this evening at Immanuel Lutheran Church Washington. Come celebrate 250 years!

## On Our List for Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

|   |                 |   |                   |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| 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)         |                   |
| John Carter (friend of Sandy Stierberger)                 |                 |   |                   |

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

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 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 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 – June 28, 2026 to July 5, 2026

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| <b>Today -</b>             | <b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b><br><b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>           |
| <b>Wed., July 1 -</b>      | 12:00 noon Loops of Love  |
| <b>Thurs., July 2 -</b>    | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle<br>6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use  |
| <b>Fri., July 3 -</b>      | 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use  |
| <b>Next Sun., July 5 -</b> | <b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b><br><b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> |

**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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Home Page address is: [www.zionunion.org](http://www.zionunion.org)

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