

# The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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 "Morning Reverie" Simone

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 33*)

Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!**

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**Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.**

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**Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who seek God's heart, and who seek God's kin-dom. Rejoice in the Holy One!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Wonderful God, we delight in your presence. We find shelter in your abiding and enduring love. You humble us, Holy Love, by gathering us as a people. Thank you for being our Companion and Guide on this journey. Receive our songs, prayers, and openness. Nourish us from the fountain of your word and the hospitality of your table. May we find hope and inspiration, courage and direction, community and resolve as we worship you. Amen.**

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First Reading of Scripture

Hosea 5:15-6:6 NRSVue

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

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 136 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy One, through the Prophet Hosea, you declared, "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

**We confess that, at times, we offer the ritual and routine of religious practices rather than a discerning heart that breaks with compassion and beats for justice. Strengthen us to the tenderness of knowing you, O God, more deeply, loving our neighbors more justly, and embracing our lives more fully. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Community of Faith, rest assured that renewal and revival are possible and available to us. You are forgiven. Let us embrace our rituals to sing even old songs as if they are new, pray routine prayers as if they have been written in our hearts, and join in worship as if this were the first or last time. The Holy One makes all things new, and that may be so in us this day and every day.

**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.**

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+ Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts to the work of your kin-dom come and our hope that your will be done in our community and world. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Matthew 9:9-26

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Special Music

*"I've Got the Spirit"*

Besig

Women's Chorus

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.**

Hymn of Preparation No. 697 (2 times)

*"Eat This Bread"*

Holy Communion

Invitation

Statement of Faith

*(United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology)*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

Remembrance

Invocation

And so, we pray together,

**Come Holy Spirit, come, move across this table, across this grain and grape, across our very lives, renewing and refreshing us for the journey to come. We have gathered at your table ready for a foretaste of your reign of justice, love, and peace. Bless these elements and each of us in service of your realm, now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements

*The Lord's Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Nicholas will place a piece of bread in your hand. (All Bread is Gluten-Free)*

*Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving following Communion

Let us pray,

**Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to this meal. May we always remember your love for us has no bounds. May we always embody the love you have given us. And may we go from this table ready to join you in your reign of reconciling love and renewing peace through all the world. Amen.**

+ Closing Hymn No. 27                    *“God of Creation, All-Powerful”*  
The closing hymn is sung in loving memory of **John Bruce Crane**.

+ Benediction

+ Postlude                                    *“Sing Forth Exultantly!”*                                    Smith

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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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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

# JUNE 7, 2026

**Communion Sunday** - We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

## **Serving This Morning**

Liturgist: Alan Klobasa  
Ushers: Gale Claggett & Vicki Hooper  
Greeter: Pam Klenke  
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Maxine Harrison, Connie Thompson  
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.

**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:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzler	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:**

Linda Kroeter	Keith Wadley	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)
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 7, 2026 to June 14, 2026

**Today -**                               **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion**  
  **9:00 a.m. Worship**  
  **10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour**

**Wed., June 10 -**                   9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)  
  12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)

**Thurs., June 11 -**               8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle

**Fri., June 12 -**                   7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

**Next Sun., June 14 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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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