

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 “Bring Your Thanks to God” Taylor

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 127 and Matthew 9*)

Unless the LORD builds the house,

Those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city,

The guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil,

For God gives sleep to their beloved.

Jesus once said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

We will rest in the love of God and delight in the wonder of this hour.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

O Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. We gather in our weariness to rest, reconcile, and recover from all the burdens we carry. Help us lay them down before you, trusting in your mercy and wisdom. Grant us a peace that passes all understanding. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-5 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 72 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of infinite possibilities, we gather before you, holding out on hope. We confess the times we have given in to despair. Discouraged by incremental change, our labor often feels like failure. Trading true peace for relief, we give up and give in. Help us, Faithful One, rest in your love that we might renew our courage, restore our hope, and invigorate our spirits to do the good that is ours to do. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God sees you and knows you. The good you have done and will do never goes unnoticed. Rest in the love of God and trust that God’s Spirit will be with you always.

With God, all things are possible! 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.**

Gracious God, may the gifts we give and the resources we share be acceptable to you. Bless the gift and the giver in the furtherance of your kin-dom, now and always. Amen.

Special Music *“Five Bagatelles, Mvt. Three”* Penzance
Molly Bauer, pianist

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.

Holy Communion

Statement of Faith: A New Creed: United Church of Canada 1968
We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Invocation

And so, we pray together,

God of banquets and backyard barbeques, bless by your Holy Spirit these gifts of your creation. Help us to gather your people, serve your creation, and be ready to leave this place in the good hope that your realm has gotten a little closer. May this meal serve as a reminder that we are always invited to pull up a chair and share in your grace. Amen.

+ 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 gluten-free wafer in your hand. 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,

Gracious host, we give you thanks for this meal and time shared. May it strengthen us for life's journey. Grant us the courage and resolve to be your people, to love generously, to hope relentlessly, and to do the good that is ours to do. Bless us, that we may bless the world. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 84

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Let Praise Ring Forth”

Broughton

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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.



Jesus said to them

"They need not
go away;

you give them
something to eat."



Matthew 14:16 NRSVue



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Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

AUGUST 2, 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.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Bob Hansen by friends.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Karen Stafford
Ushers: Dennis & Karen Tucker
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Alan & Sharon TenEyck
Greeter: Sandy Stierberger
Sound 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.

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	Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann	
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:
2nd Class Petty Officer Aviation Structural Mechanic E-5 Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Church Calendar – August 2, 2026 to August 9, 2026

Today -	The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., Aug. 5 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love

Thurs., Aug. 6 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Fri., Aug. 7 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Aug. 9 - The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Bourbeuse River Operation Clean Stream – Saturday, August 22 – The Green Team is looking for volunteers interested in this long-running event to care for the Bourbeuse River and its surroundings. We will be picking up trash at the Union access (near Dickey Bub) from 8-10am on Saturday, August 22. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Please sign up on the lower commons bulletin board. All ages are welcome! Contact Jeanne Lischer for more information.

Zion UCC Blood Drive – Sun., Sept. 6 – Zion Church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, September 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Click here** to schedule your appointment today or scan the QR code. If you have trouble accessing the sign up please contact the church office and we will be able to sign up for you! Invite your friends and neighbors who may be interested in donating. There are 24 slots available for sign up. Thank you!



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!

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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