

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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	“Sonata from ‘Die Bänkelsängerlieder’”	Anonymous
	“St. Anthony’s Chorale”	Brahms/arr. Hill
	“Froelich Zu Seyn”	Peueri/arr. Cody

Plank Road Brass Quintet: Isaiah Boyer, trumpet; Brayden Hartel, trumpet;
Emily Goodson, French horn; Dan Schunks, trombone; Kurt Bauche, tuba

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalms 119 and 65)

Praise is due to the Holy One, whose ways are the joy of our hearts.
The Faithful One holds our lives and our hands. Happy are we who praise the Holy One!
Worship is due to the Holy One, whose revelation illuminates our path.
Our Just God is righteous. Happy are we who follow the Holy One!
Love is due to the Holy One, whose compassion, peace, and strength satisfies the prayers spoken and unspoken.
Our Sovereign God answers prayer. Happy are we who love the Holy One!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.
God, who gathers us together, we delight to be in community with you and one another. Let your word be proclaimed in truth. Let us burst into songs that reflect the depths of our spirits. May our prayers be formed in your name and granted by your wisdom. May we know you, Divine Mystery, and ourselves better and deeper because we have entered your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in your kin-dom. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 65:1-13 NRSVue

+ Opening Hymn No. 655 “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy One, we incline our hearts toward you, but the concerns of the world and challenges of daily living pull us away. Keep us grounded in your promises, your purposes, your power, and your presence. Reorient us on the road of liberation, belonging, and communal care so that not only do we receive the gift of transformation, we companion with siblings, neighbors, and even enemies in your work of making all things new.
Remove the misleading veil that disguises sufficiency with scarcity. Sustain us with being satisfied with enough and abundance materially while continuing to thirst for righteousness so that all may be well. In you, we hope and believe. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, rest in the assurance of Psalm 65:5, “By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.” The Holy One receives and responds to our prayers and offers the promise of renewed life and the power of community in the kin-dom of God. Through Christ, we participate as witnesses, agents, and recipients of transformation for the glory of God and by 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, receive these gifts and magnify them to bless our community and world. May these offerings reflect our gratitude for your beloved community and trust in your kin-dom. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Matthew 13:1-23 NRSVue

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Special Music

“Amapola (Pretty Little Poppy)”

Lacalle/arr. Marks

Plank Road Brass Quintet

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. 344

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“The Liberty Bell March”

Sousa/arr. B. Howard

Today’s Worship Materials come from **“Drink”: Service Prayers for the Seventh 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-7a-july-12/>

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

JULY 12, 2026

A special thank you to the Plank Road Brass Quintet for providing our special music this morning.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Karen Stafford
Ushers: Maxine Harrison & Lee Parks
Greeter: Linda Kinworthy
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.

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

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doebling	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenser	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 Doebling)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doebling)	
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doebling)	
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 Doebling)		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	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:

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)

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 – July 12, 2026 to July 19, 2026

Today -	The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Mon., July 13 -	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., July 15 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love
Thurs., July 16 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., July 17 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Sat., July 18 -	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Camp MoVal 3:00-5:00 p.m. Zion Annual Pool Party at Camp MoVal
Next Sun., July 19 -	The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m. Green Team Meeting

Christmas in July: Two Ministries; One Shared Mission - This month, the Missouri Mid-South Conference is celebrating Christmas in July with a special opportunity to support our Outdoor Ministries. The projects include upgrading the electrical system at Shannondale to preserve a safe and reliable space for ministry, along with providing essential equipment at Camp MoVal, including a goat mower, ice machine, and air conditioning units for the Craft Room and Nurse Station. These investments will improve safety, comfort, and the day-to-day operation of our Outdoor Ministries. Every gift helps create spaces where campers, retreat guests, volunteers, and congregations can gather, grow in faith, and build community. Click on the QR code to view the wish lists, learn more, and give directly to the campaign. You may also write a check to Zion UCC and designate your funds to Christmas in July, or donate cash with a note that it is for Christmas in July. Drop off donations at Zion in the collection plate or to the church office by July 19th, so they can be donated to the campaign before the end of July.



Church Office Volunteers Needed – Volunteers are needed to help answer the phone and let people into the church office while Connie Thompson is on vacation. Volunteers are needed on the following days: Monday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 29. The remainder of the days the church offices will be closed but the answering machine will be checked. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board or call the church office and let Connie know if you are willing to help by July 24th. Thank you!!

Rummage Sale Meeting – A meeting for all who will be helping with the Rummage Sale (or are interested in helping with the Rummage Sale) will be held on *Tuesday, July 21st at 11:00 a.m.* in the lower commons.

Bake Sale Donations Wanted – During the Rummage Sale on Friday, July 31st, there will be a Bake Sale in the lower commons. If you would like to donate baked goods, produce, and home-canned goods please bring them to the church on or before July 31st. Please price the items you donation. If you have any questions, please contact Hettie Becker. 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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