

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”* Birchwood

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Genesis 28, Psalm 139 and Romans 8*)

The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee, for God is there!

The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy Love, we come before you knowing you go before us and you keep us in safety. We come to this place in space and time across distance and difference as your offspring to receive an inheritance of your promise and to renew our lives in your covenant. Let our spirits receive your word, and our hearts ignite with your compassion, mercy, and righteousness. Let your kin-dom spread in us and through us as we worship and follow you. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 145:8-17 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 477

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Righteous God, test us and stretch us, strengthen us in your truth and justice, fortify us with resolve and power so that we might be the people you have called us to be. Holy One, even beyond forgiveness, we seek transformation. Renew our minds, open our hearts, and release our hands to repair, reconcile, and restore in your name.

Keep us from being the cause of suffering. Equip us to be agents of healing. Make us attentive to your presence. Attune us to your will. Lead us on the path you have paved before us so that the grace we receive will sow seeds of redemption and healing in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Offspring of the Divine, live in your power and purpose as beneficiaries of the new covenant and conspirators of God’s liberating work and impact in the world. Receive God’s forgiveness and move beyond shame and judgment to new life and right relationships with the Holy One and neighbor.

We are forgiven and free, 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.**

Holy One, may these gifts reflect our trust in you and your provision. Magnify them for your purpose and grant us discernment to be caretakers of the resources entrusted to us. Amen.

+ Postlude	<i>“Unto Thee Do We Give Thanks”</i>	Denton
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Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 19, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Mandy Frick
Ushers: Susan Merlino & Karen Tucker
Greeters: Jeff & Denise Muller
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 Doebling	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 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	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 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)

Church Calendar – July 19, 2026 to July 26, 2026

Today -	The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Green Team Meeting
	10:00 a.m. Cemetery Board (chapel)
Tues., July 21 -	11:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Meeting (lower commons) 1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
Wed., July 22 -	12:00 noon Loops of Love
Thurs., July 23 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lower Commons in Use

Fri., July 24 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Sat., July 25 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale Set Up
Next Sun., July 26 - The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale Drop Off
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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.

Rummage Sale Drop Off Dates/Times - Drop off dates/times for the upcoming Rummage Sale are as follows: Sunday, July 26 from 8 a.m.-12:00 noon; Monday, July 27 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, July 28 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday, July 29 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. There is NO drop off on Thursday.

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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