

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Turner

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 105)*

Give thanks to the Holy One. Make God's deeds known among the peoples.

We call upon the name of the Holy One!

Give thanks to the Holy One. Tell of all God's wonderful works!

We sing praises and remember the wonderful works, miracles, and judgements!

Give thanks to the Holy One. Glory in God's holy name!

We seek the Holy One, and our hearts rejoice! Praise the Holy One!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have made yourself known among us. When we seek you, we find you. You surround us with love and righteousness. Your presence strengthens and upholds us. While we gather together, let us be mindful that your wisdom speaks, your power fuels, and your heart fills us. Grant us discernment. Let us be faithful. May you be glorified. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Romans 8:26-39 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 465 "Lord, Be Glorified"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Glorious God, may your face shine upon us. Teach us your ways so that we may live in peace, justice, and righteousness. Keep our way steady and directed toward you. Remove the hold of oppression and evil from among your people. Transform our hearts and minds so that we might reflect your goodness and love in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Servants of God, the Holy One radiates grace and mercy. By the power of Love and Spirit, receive the opportunity to redeem and repair every mistake, every passive participation, every deliberate action that has caused harm. Receive God's forgiveness in order to be released from shame and release to make things right. Nothing can separate us from God's love.

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.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, may these gifts be sufficient to meet the needs before. May we be good stewards of your resources. And, may we be moved to live the generous life more deeply and completely in every aspect of our lives. Amen.

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

Anthem *“This Is My Father’s World”* arr. Olstad
Karen Stafford, flute + Brenda Herring, accompanist

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. 502 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

+ Benediction

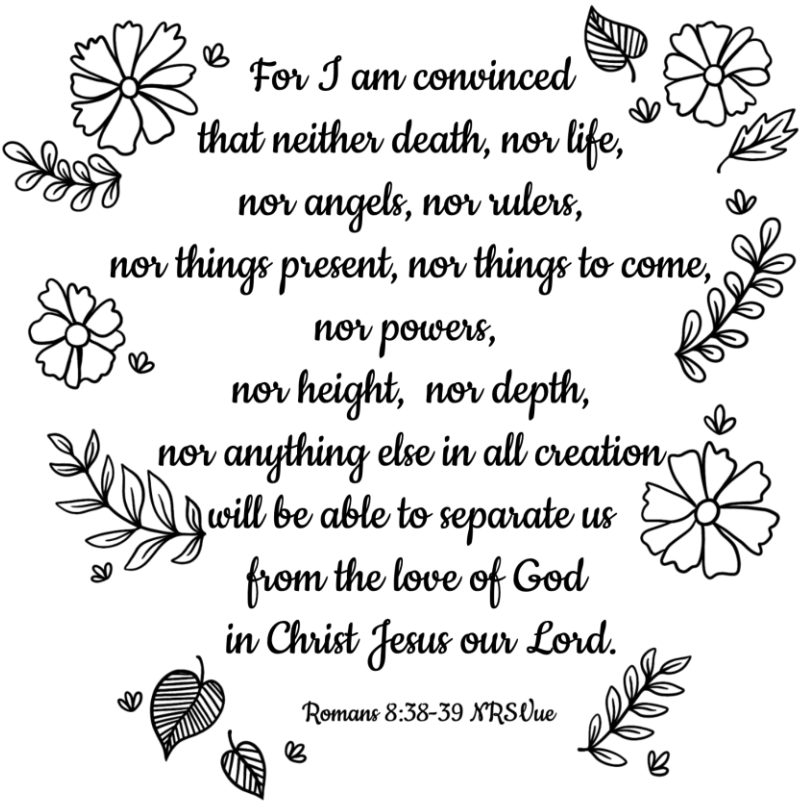
+ Postlude *“Grace and Peace to You”* Logan

Today’s Worship Materials come from Service Prayers for the Ninth 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-9a-july-26/>

Zion United Church of Christ, 115 S. Washington Ave., Union, MO 63084-1849
Home Page address is: 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 **Administrative Assistant:** Connie Thompson
Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry **Coordinator of Elementary Youth:** Mandy Frick
Organist: Brenda Herring **Council President:** Fern Dewert
Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford **Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley

We commit ourselves...
to worship God
to form faithful followers of Jesus
and to care for our wider community.
We care as Christ cares.



+ The 9th Sunday after Pentecost +
July 26, 2026 + 9:00 a.m.
Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri

SUNDAY NEWS

JULY 26, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jane Ridder
Ushers: Susan Merlino & Karen Tucker
Greeter: Colleen Simons
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.

Rummage Sale Drop Off Dates/Times - Drop off dates/times for the upcoming Rummage Sale are as follows: this morning 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.

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring
Brenda Viehland
Sarah Berghorn
Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)
Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)
Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Ada Price (daughter of Mindy Gerstner's friend)

Phyllis Olson
Kim Yenzer
Gerry Hoelscher
Carolyn Donoho
Kevin Vorderbruegge
Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)
Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)
Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)
Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)
John Carter (friend of Sandy Stierberger)

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter
Susie Andell
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyliss Fink)
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)
Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern Dewert)

Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Keith Wadley
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)
Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)
Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)
Jenny Brittingham (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Monty McGavock (brother of Kathy Young)
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 26, 2026 to August 2, 2026

Today -

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

Mon., July 27 -

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop Off

Tues., July 28 -

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop Off

Wed., July 29 -	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Drop Off 12:00 noon Loops of Love
Fri., July 31 -	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale/Bake Sale
Sat., Aug. 1 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Rummage Sale/Bag Day 12:00 noon Rummage Sale Clean Up
Next Sun., Aug. 2 -	The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 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.



Bake Sale for Earth's Classroom - The Green Team will be participating in the Bake Sale during Zion's Rummage Sale on July 31. Proceeds will be split between Loops of Love and an Earth's Classroom scholarship. Donations of baked goods, produce, and home-canned goods can be brought to church early on July 31. Please price the items you donate.

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.

Zion United Church of Christ, 115 S. Washington Ave., Union, MO 63084-1849

Home Page address is: 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