

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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 "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Callender

Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 1*)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

But their delight is in the way of the LORD,

And on God's way they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they thrive.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Merciful One, as sojourners through life, you are our ever-present guide.
Through green pastures and lonesome valleys, you hem us in and bring
us close. When the way is clear, grant us gratitude. When it is hidden,
grant us patience. When it is frightful, be our constant companion.
Awaken our hearts to your love, open our minds to your will and your
way. Sustain us in your truth on our path of discipleship and our journey
of faith. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 27 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 560

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Inspired by Romans 12*)

Redeemer and Guide, we travel with you because you never leave us. Yet,
sometimes we drift from the path of life you give us. Rather than holding
fast to what is good,

We compromise with evil.

Rather than persevering in prayer,

We dwell in anger, rage, and conspiracies.

Rather than sharing our blessings and pursuing hospitality,

We hoard the resources you have given us to share.

Help us to live in love and harmony with one another.

**Empower us to pursue peace for all. Let us overcome and overwhelm evil
with good, compassion, and hope in your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Beloved, wherever we go becomes holy ground because the Holy One
goes with us. Be firm in hope that God will meet us wherever we may seek
strength, encouragement, and the will to live in righteousness, justice, and
peace. By the grace of the Holy One, all these things are possible in us and
through us.

We are forgiven and free, praise be to God.

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

Holy One, we present these offerings to you in hope and love. May they be a gift in our community and the world. May they spread hope and love. And, may they witness to your abundant and generous creation. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 10: 25-37 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Gospel Train”

Low Voice Choir

Sermon

Rev. Rachel McDonald, Generosity Officer for
Our Church’s Wider Mission and Special Mission Offerings

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 552

“We All Are One in Mission”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Praise the Triune God”

Broughton

The Confession Liturgy and Prayer of Dedication come from, ***Beyond the Wilderness: Service Prayers for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A***, and 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-14a-august->

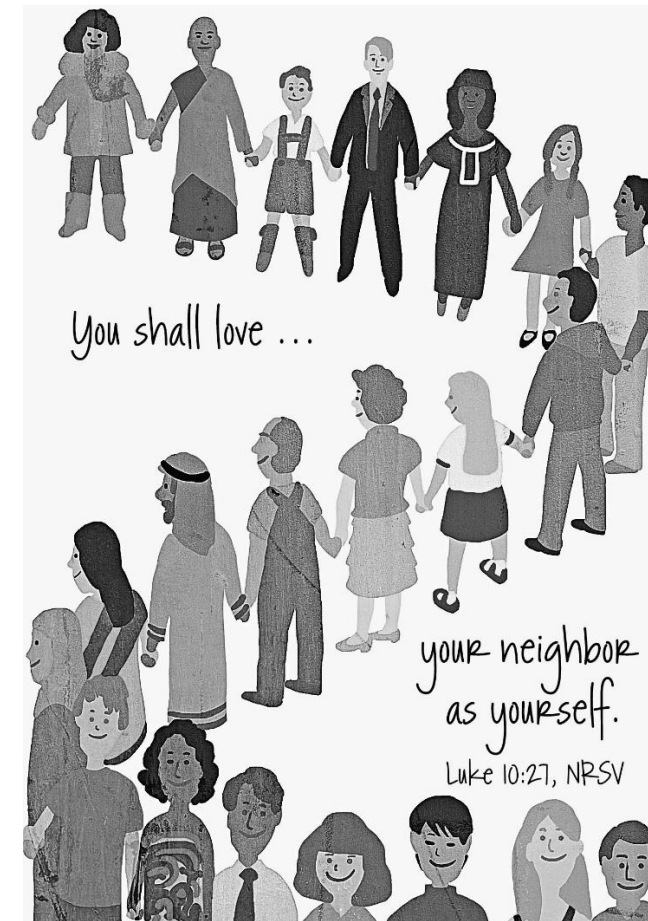
We commit ourselves...

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

AUGUST 30, 2026

Serving This Morning

Ushers: Rudy & Darlene Ahmann
Greeter: Sandy Bailey
Sound Tech: Harvey Mefford 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.

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doebling	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenzner	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn	Gerry Hoelscher	Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann	Carla Kilgore
Barb Harvey (at home)	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doebling)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Keith (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)
Rich (friend of Jim Doebling)	

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

Sun., Sept. 13 – Sunday, September 13th is Children's Bible Presentation during the 9 a.m. worship service. Please let Alysha know if you would like your child to receive a Bible by emailing her at apetry@zionunion.org.

Sun., Sept. 13 – RALLY DAY will be Sunday, September 13th from 10-11 a.m.

Sun., Sept. 13 – All youth are invited to the Youth Event at The Alley in Washington on Sunday September 13th from 1-3 p.m. RSVP to Alysha at apetry@zionunion.org. A waiver to play at The Alley needs to be signed before attending. Alysha will email the waiver link after she receives your RSVP.

Church Calendar – August 30, 2026 to September 6, 2026

Today -	The 14th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m. Worship	
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour	
	12:00 noon Fellowship Hall in Use	
Wed., Sept. 2 -	12:00 noon	Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Sept. 3 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle	
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in Use
Fri., Sept. 4 -	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Sept. 6 -	The 15th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion	
	9:00 a.m. Worship	
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour	
	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall	

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin! – Wed., Sept. 2 – Chancel Choir is open to all high school ages and up who feel a calling to sing because: you seek fellowship; you need a safe emotional place; you feel better after singing! The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship afterwards! Please email Karen at kstafford@zionunion.org or call the church office so we get your place ready.

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!



LOGOS Adult Education: Shannondale – Wed., Sept. 9 – Kathy & Myron Ury will join us at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th, to share the history of Shannondale and its many current ministries. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Alysha (apetry@zionunion.org) or call the church office if you plan to attend.

St. Peter's (Washington) Women's Fellowship – Thurs., Sept. 10 – Women's Fellowship of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Washington invites all women to attend their meeting on September 10, at 10 a.m. They meet the second Thursday of each month. September's meeting will be held in the atrium meeting room. Pastor Kurt will be presenting a program on "Women of the Bible-Acts." They will share their schedule of meetings for the fall. Lunch will be provided. Please join them for a time of fellowship and togetherness. Please sign up on the lower commons bulletin board by Friday, September 4th if you will be coming.

Zion Book Club – Tues., Sept. 15 – The next gathering of Zion's Book Club will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the lower commons. They will be reading the book "*My Friends*" by Fredrick Backman.

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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Minister to Youth & Families: Alysha Petry

Organist: Brenda Herring

Music Director: Dr. Karen Stafford

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