

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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 “Ashokan Farewell” Ungar

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 124)

Blessed be the Holy One. If it had not been God on our side—the people proclaim!

With God on our side, we find our help in the name of the Holy One!

Blessed be the Holy One, who draws us from aimlessness, despair, and bitterness.

With God on our side, we find purpose, hope, and peace.

Blessed be the Holy One, who calls us to love one another—neighbors, enemies, family and friends.

With God on our side, we find compassion, grace, and mercy for one another. Blessed be the Holy One!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Living God, you draw us from the waters that offer both life and death, nourishment and destruction, peace and power. We gather as your people to remember your timely and tangible works. We call upon your many names as we have known you to be Redeemer, Counselor, Shepherd, and Friend. We worship you for who you are, and we draw near to become who you have crafted us to be. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 124 (NRSVue)

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 649 “Gather Us In”

Call to Confession

Assurance of Grace

Body of Christ, in the words of Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Receive the grace of God and the power of being in community to proceed in the newness of life as the One who loves us draws us from the threat of the depths into the hope of a blessed future.

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

Wonderful God, please sanctify these gifts for your glory, amplify them for your people, and replicate them for your kin-dom. May they meet the needs and hopes of the world and community in which we belong.

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

Anthem
“Be Not Afraid”
Kirk Hancox, soloist
Wagner

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. 617
“A Place at the Table”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude
“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”
Carter

Out of the Water: Service Prayers for the Thirteenth 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.

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Council President: Fern Dewert
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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.



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SUNDAY NEWS

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Serving This Morning

Ushers: Ken & Carol Rohrbach

Sound Tech: David Bean

(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

A special 'thank you' to Kirk Hancox for substituting at the piano this morning.

Usher Dismissal - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

Special Congregational Meeting – This Morning - In August, Alysha Petry was approved for ordination pending call by our Eastern Association Committee on Ministry. In coordination with our Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and Church Council, Alysha has reached a call agreement to serve this church in a new role as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Alysha now needs Congregational Approval to accept this call agreement. This morning following the service, the congregation will vote to approve her call. With congregational approval, Alysha will set a service of Ordination later in the year.

Intergenerational Sunday School – This Morning- All are invited to join the youth in the fellowship hall for our Intergenerational Sunday School from 10-11 a.m.

CROP Walk – This Afternoon – The CROP Walk is this afternoon beginning with registration at Zion at 12:30 p.m. This is the 35th year for the CROP Walk in the Union Community. Unless someone steps up to chair the Walk, this will be the 35th and last CROP Walk in the Union Community. We want to make this a BIG WALK to celebrate our 35 years of caring about hungry people, supporting the Union Food Pantry and Second Blessings as well as Church World Service (CROP). We only walk one mile in spirit with those who have to sometimes walk miles to get a jar of water and food. For those participating in the Walk we would like to request that each walker please bring a few food items to be divided between the Union Food Pantry and Second Blessings Pantry. Last year we divided 100 items with the same pantries.

"These Days" Devotionals for October-November-December are now available in the literature rack at the top of the grand staircase.

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	Carla Kilgore
Barb Harvey (at home)	Susie Andell	Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)	
Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Keith (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)	
Shelly Ware (friend of Hettie Becker)			
Karen Copeland (mother & grandmother of Matthew, Lukas & Jackten Copeland)			

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Jake McNiell (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
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)	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 Doehring)	Ronnie Williams (brother of Gail Mefford & Tom Williams)

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

Intergenerational Sunday School – This Morning– All classes will be in the fellowship hall for our Intergenerational Sunday School from 10-11 a.m.

Next Sunday – All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; *Faith Quest* – preschool through 7th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 7-12 will meet in the adult Sunday school room in the lower commons.

Church Calendar – October 11, 2026 to October 18, 2026

Today -	The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)
	1:00 p.m. CROP Walk
Mon., Oct. 12 -	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., Oct. 14 -	9:30 a.m. Called to Care (classroom)
	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m. LOGOS
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Oct. 15 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., Oct. 16 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Sat., Oct. 17 -	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Oct. 18 -	The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
	10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Adult Education
	10:00 a.m. 2027 Proposed Budget Presentation (fellowship hall)
	1:00-4:00 p.m. 90th Birthday Open House for Hettie Becker

November Newsletter Articles Due – Wed., Oct. 14 – Articles for the November 'Spirit of Zion' newsletter are due in the church office on Wednesday, October 14th. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, October 21st at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Informational Budget Meeting – Next Sun., Oct. 18 – The next informational Budget Meeting will be next Sunday, October 18th following the 9 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for members to review the proposed 2027 budget and ask questions. A copy of the proposed 2027 budget is now available on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins. We will still meet on November 8th for our congregational meeting.

90th Birthday Open House for Hettie Becker – Next Sun., Oct. 18 – The family of Hettie Becker invite all to help her celebrate her 90th Birthday at an Open House in the Zion Fellowship Hall next Sunday, October 18th from 1-4 p.m. (No gifts please).

Zion Book Club – Tues., Oct. 20 – Zion Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 20th in the lower commons at 1:30 p.m. The book they are reading and will be discussing is "*The Things We Cannot Say*" by Kelly Rimmer. All are invited to join the Book Club!

Warner's Winter Warm Up (Coat Drive) – Oct. 19-Nov. 1 – Zion is again participating in the Warner's Winter Warm Up Coat Drive. Please bring gently used jackets and coats to church and place them in the box in the lower commons which will be given to local food pantries and other local organizations. Donations will be accepted from October 19 – November 1.

Shelving for Sale – Some shelving, a base cabinet and wall cabinets are available to the congregation by silent auction bid. Items are located in the northeast corner of the fellowship hall including bid sheets. Bidding closes at 4 p.m. on October 12th.