The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* Graham

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 90)

Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!
Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray,
Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day. Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among us gives us comfort, strength, and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Psalm 90 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church…
Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 48 *"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we hear the direction in biblical law, and we can reduce our faith to all the things we cannot do. We can begin to perceive following you as a way of life that restricts our choices and binds us to certain behaviors.
Help us to recognize that life with you transcends the rules and invites us to loving you, our neighbor, and ourselves. Through the Law, the Prophets, and the Messiah, you have helped us know how to love better and more. Help us again today. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Beloved, God loves you and your journey. With the help of God, continue on this journey with faith, hope, trust, and love.
We are forgiven. Praise be to God. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture Exodus 2:11-25 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church…
Thanks 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 Love, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope and trust that, through you, our generosity makes a difference in the world. We give you thanks in advance for the fruit nurtured by this offering. As you bless these gifts, also bless the giver and those entrusted with the stewardship of these resources in your name and for your church and world. Amen.

Hymn No. 422 *"Amazing Grace!"*

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. 569 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *"In His Loving Care"* Moore

Today's Liturgy comes from *Love God and Neighbor*: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Year A, written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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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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Union, Missouri

Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS OCTOBER 25, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Kirk Hancox
Ushers: Matt Herring & Connie Thompson
Greeter: Linda Kinworthy
Sound/Video Tech: David Bean
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring
Brenda Viehland
Sarah Berghorn
Barb Harvey (at home)
Phyllis Olson
Kim Yenzer
Gerry Hoelscher
Susie Andell
Carolyn Donoho
Kevin Vorderbruegge
Wayne & Ellen Brinkmann
Charlotte Ellison
Hettie Becker
Carla Kilgore
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)
Cynthia B (Good Samaritan Fund client)
Karen Copeland (mother & grandmother of Matthew, Lukas & Jackten Copeland)

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter
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)
Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)
Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern Dewert)
Rich (friend of Jim Doehring)
Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
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)
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)

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Gail Mefford, Tom Williams & family on the death of their brother Ronnie Williams who died on October 20th.

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

This Morning – 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 18, 2026 to October 25, 2026

Today -	**The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**	
	9:00 a.m.	**Worship**
	10:00 a.m.	**Fellowship Hour**
	10:00 a.m.	**Christian Education/Adult Education**
Wed., Oct. 28 -	12:00 noon	Loops of Love (lower commons)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)

Thurs., Oct. 29 -` 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle

Fri., Oct. 30 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use

Next Sun., Nov. 1 - The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship/Totenfest
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:00 a.m. Christian Education/Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Green Team

Next Sun., Nov. 1 – Next Sunday. November 1st, we will remember those who have entered their eternal rest. We will light a candle in their memory as a symbol of their faith in Christ, the light of the world.

Congregational Meeting – Sun., Nov. 8 – The November Congregational Meeting of Zion Church will be held on Sunday, November 8th following the morning worship service in the sanctuary.

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.

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
Administrative Assistant: Connie Thompson
Coordinator of Elementary Youth: Mandy Frick
Council President: Fern Dewert
Church Custodian: Joy Bradley