

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” Bartlett

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 19*)

The heavens tell the glory of God! The way of the Holy One is perfect.

God’s commandments are right and clear.

The creation tells the glory of God! The work of the Holy One is perfect.

God’s expectations are pure and righteous.

The people tell the glory of God! The law of the Holy One is perfect.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray,

God of Truth, we acknowledge that we meet you here in this time and place. We gather as a community formed by you, called by your name, and charged for your purpose. We ask you to guide our hearts, minds, and souls to know your ways. We place our hope in your abiding love, abundant creation, and awesome works. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Psalm 104:24-35 NRSVue

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

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 72 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Mission Moment: Legacy Committee Update

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have given us blueprints to follow for living a faithful life. Your commandments are clear and your example considerable. Yet, we often drift away from loving you, loving our neighbor, and loving ourselves. Remind us that the path to flourishing, full life is love. Lead us back to that everlasting path so that we might be fruitful and give glory to your name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God’s grace meets us at our point of need with compassion, direction, and strength. Receive this grace in order to transform us into the people we can be—shining the radiant reflection of the image we bear and producing our own fruit.

Praise be to God. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture Jonah 1 & 2 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

Generous God, may these gifts be pleasing to you. We pray to be faithful and fruitful in the use of these offerings so that we will serve you, O God, and our neighbors in love. Amen.

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

Jonah 3 & 4 NRSVue

Anthem

Chancel Choir + Barrett Short, cello

“The Voice of God”

Larson

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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 697 (2 times)

Holy Communion

“Eat This Bread”

Call to Communion
From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.
We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.
We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.
We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.
From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—
We come as one people, gathered in Christ.
Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.
Christ welcomes us all.
Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.
Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.
At Christ’s table, there is room for all.
Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.
We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one

Remembrance

Invocation

Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

+ Sharing of the Elements
The Lord’s Table is open to all. Today, we will come forward, through the center aisle, where Rev Nicholas will place a gluten-free wafer in your hand.
Communion stewards next to the pastor will be holding trays containing both white grape juice and red wine. You may return to your seat by the side aisle.
Additionally, communion stewards will make their way through the sanctuary offering communion for those unable to come forward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people—those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life. Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.
Send us from this table as people of Christ’s peace. One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 350

“The Summons”

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Joyous Litany”

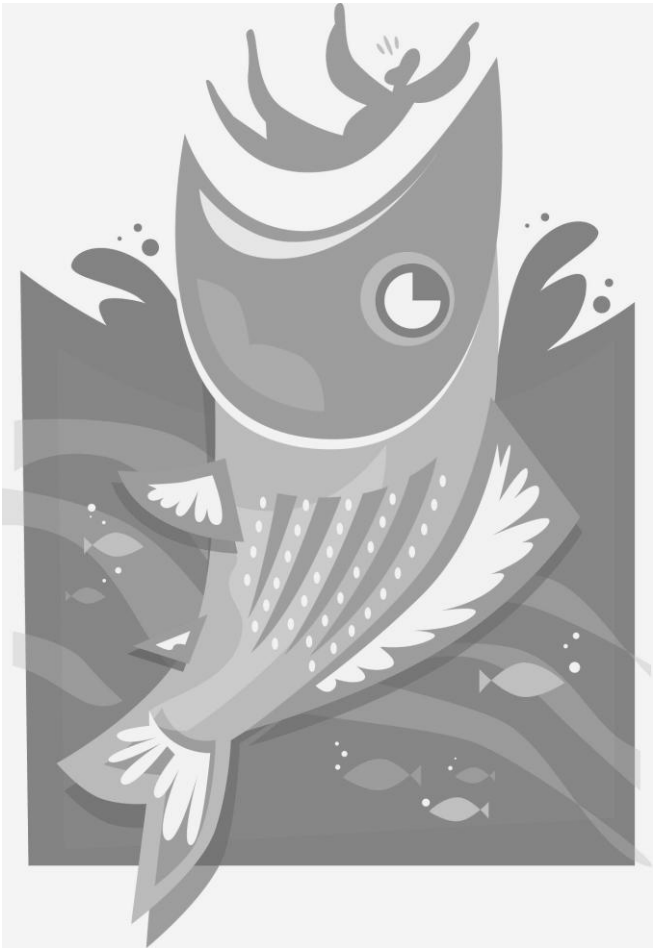
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Today’s Worship Materials come from A People That Produces Its Fruit: Service Prayers for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A, written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-19a-october-4/>
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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

SUNDAY NEWS

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Communion Sunday – This Sunday we are celebrating World Communion Sunday with our brothers and sisters around the world. We practice Open Communion here at Zion UCC. Jesus didn't turn anyone away; neither will we. Everyone is invited to come and share in the receiving of the bread and the cup.

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Phylliss Fink
Ushers: Matthew Herring & Connie Thompson
Communion Stewards: Bill & Fern Dewert, Ron & Pam Griffin
Greeter: Sandy Stierberger
Sound Tech: David Bean Video Tech: Dan Mossoney
(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.

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

Informational Budget Meetings – This Morning & Sun., Oct. 18 - The Church Council has scheduled informational Budget Meetings this morning and 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.

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	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)	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 McNiel (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 Phylliss 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

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.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Next Sun., Oct. 11- All classes will be in the fellowship hall for our Intergenerational Sunday School from 10-11 a.m.

Church Calendar – October 4, 2026 to October 11, 2026

Today -	The 19th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday	
	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 Discussion (fellowship hall)
Wed., Oct. 7 -	9:00 a.m.	Grape Cluster Meeting (lower commons)
	12:00 noon	Loops of Love (lower commons)
	5:00 p.m.	LOGOS
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (chapel)
Thurs., Oct. 8 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle	
Fri., Oct. 9 -	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Oct. 11 -	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.	Christian Education/Adult Education
	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk

LOGOS Adult Education – Wed., Oct. 7 - LOGOS is continuing its adult educational offerings on October 7 at 5:00 p.m. with some hopeful news for the planet! We often seem to hear from people spreading gloom and hopelessness about what is happening to our beautiful Earth. While it's concerning that the average temperature each year has been higher, and severe weather events are becoming increasingly frequent, this is not the time to despair. ENCOURAGING ADVANCES ARE BEING MADE WORLDWIDE to meet climate change in many countries. We are seeing more and more interest in restoring and maintaining our natural environment, as people as awareness rises and solutions are found. The Green Team will host a short video presentation and a discussion on this hopeful news followed by our LOGOS community meal. Please notify Alysha if you plan to join us. Everyone is invited!

Special Congregational Meeting – Next Sun., Oct. 11 - 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. Next Sunday, October 11, 2026, Alysha will lead our Sunday service, and following the service, the congregation will vote to approve her call. If you would like a copy of her call agreement, please contact the church office. With congregational approval, Alysha will set a service of Ordination later in the year. *If you would like a copy of her call agreement please contact the church office.*

Intergenerational Sunday School – Next Sun., Oct. 11- All are invited to join the youth in the fellowship hall for our Intergenerational Sunday School from 10-11 a.m.

CROP Walk – Next Sun., Oct. 11 – A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board for the CROP Walk next Sunday beginning with registration at Zion at 12:30 p.m. This is the 35th year for the CROP Walk in the Union Community. There will be two opportunities to help those dealing with hunger. 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.

90th Birthday Open House for Hettie Becker – 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 on Sunday, October 18th from 1-4 p.m. (No gifts please).

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.