The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 *"Adagio"* Mozart
John Phillips, clarinet + Kirk Hancox, pianist

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 78)*
Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.
We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.
Set your hope in God, who orders our days and redeems our lives.
We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.
Set your hope in God, who leads us.
We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in God!

Gathering Prayer
Let us pray,
Holy One, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving. We invite you to inhabit our praise as we honor your precious name. Bind us together and refresh us as a community with justice and righteousness overflowing like a stream. Open our minds and hearts to be receptive to your still speaking voice. Make yourself known among us. You are our God, and we are your people. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Psalm 70 NRSVue
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church…
Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 649 *"Gather Us In"*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Wise and just God, we do not want to come before you with empty words and meaningless acts. We know that your love has the power to transform us with compassion. We declare that your truth can liberate us and renew us as liberators in the world. In the midst of a world too often guided by the pursuit of power, privilege, and prestige, soften our hearts. Help us reject the othering of our neighbors and your beloved. Help us reflect your goodness and good news through our lives, in word and deed. Amen.

Assurance of Grace
Beloved, when we turn toward the Holy One, we find the Holy One has turned toward us. The God of compassion and grace will meet you in your hopes for a new life, will bring strength and power in your struggle, and will release you from actions and attitudes of the past. Receive God's forgiveness and invitation to embrace a new way going forward.
We are forgiven. Praise be to God!

Second Reading of Scripture Exodus 14 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

Loving God, accept our offerings as a testament to our love, faith, and hope. Magnify them for your glory and to meet the needs of the community. Expand our reach and glorify your name through our giving, O God. Amen.

Hymn No. 465 *"Lord, Be Glorified"*

Sermon

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. 502 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

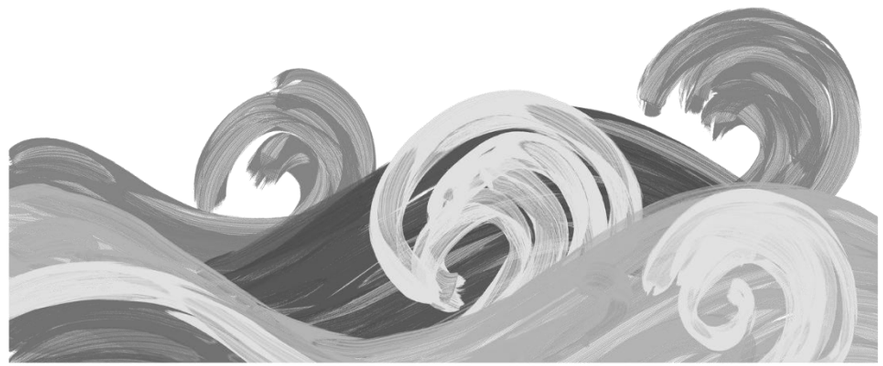
+ Benediction

+ Postlude *"Be Thou Exalted"* Wetherill

Today's Liturgy comes from ***We Will Serve: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth 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-24a-november-8/

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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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Zion United Church of Christ
Union, Missouri

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

SUNDAY NEWS NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Richard Young
Ushers: Alan & Sharon TenEyck
Greeter: Pam Klenke
Sound Tech: Dan Mossoney Video Tech: David Bean

Congregational Meeting – This Morning – The November Congregational Meeting of Zion Church will follow the morning worship service this morning in the sanctuary.

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
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)
Shelly Ware (friend of Hettie Becker)
JoAnna Adams (friend of Connie Thompson)
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)
Keith (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)
Cynthia B (Good Samaritan Fund client)
Jane Van Leer (friend of Connie Thompson)
Karen Copeland (mother & grandmother of Matthew, Lukas & Jackten Copeland)

Sympathy Is Extended to:

Danny Thompson & family on the death of his uncle, Gary Thompson, who died on November 4th.

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter
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)
Jake McNiel (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
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)

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 Sun., Nov. 15 – All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; *Faith Quest* – preschool through 5th grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; grades 6-12 will meet in the Youth Room.

Church Calendar – November 8, 2026 to November 15, 2026

Today -	**The 24th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion**	
	9:00 a.m.	**Worship**
	10:00 a.m.	**Fellowship Hour**
	10:00 a.m.	**Christian Education/Adult Education**
	10:00 a.m.	**Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)**
	10:00 a.m.	**Intergenerational Sunday School (fellowship hall)**
Mon., Nov. 9 -	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (classroom)
Wed., Nov. 11 -	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., Nov. 12 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Quilting Circle
Fri., Nov. 13 -	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in Use
Sat., Nov. 14 -	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun., Nov. 15 -	**The 25th 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.	**Brunch (fellowship hall)**

Back Bay Mission at LOGOS – Wed., Nov. 11 – Jeanne & Sally Lischer, Rhonda Stockglausner and others who volunteered at Back Bay Mission in October will share their experiences on Wednesday, November 11th. The program begins at 5 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Alysha (apetry@zionunion.org) or call the church office (636-583-2814) if you plan to stay for dinner. Come learn about this important UCC ministry on the Gulf Coast!

Transitional Conference Minister – Next Sun., Nov. 15 – Next Sunday, November 15th the Transitional Conference Minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, Rev. Phil Hodson, will be our guest preacher that morning. Following the worship service, all are invited to a light brunch in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board to indicate how many will be attending and what food you will be providing.

Open House for Ruth Parker – Sat., Nov. 21 – The family of Ruth Parker is inviting the congregation to an Open House in honor of her 90th Birthday on Saturday, November 21st from 1-3 p.m. at Zion Church. (No gifts, please)

Combined Christian Choir Thanksgiving Concert - Sun., Nov. 22 - The 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving concert will be presented on Sunday, November 22, at 3 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington. This event is fully accessible and interpreted for the deaf. A freewill offering will be collected to be given to local charities.

Winter Care Packages Collections – Nov. 1 – 29 – Winter Care Packages for the Little Free Pantry will be assembled during the Advent Event on November 29th. Items needed include gloves, hand warmers, hand lotion, chapstick, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Kleenex, chocolate candy, hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, granola bars, beef jerky, dried fruit, applesauce cups, nuts, trail mix, soup, Chef Boyardee, mac & cheese cups. Please drop off items in the lower commons Little Free Pantry donation basket.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Sat., Dec. 12 – Salvation Army Bell Ringers are needed for Saturday, December 12th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schnuck's in Union. A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board. 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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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