

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

May 1, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Follow God”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Holy One, Provider

All: Our ever-present help

One: In our emptiness

All: You remind us of your presence

One: In your abundance

All: You remind us you are here

One: With a love that conquers death

All: You remind us we are yours

One: Holy! Holy! Holy!

All: To the Ever-present One. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” p.3
(verses 1 & 3)

Prayer of Invocation

The Risen One is with us

Your ways are ways of justice

Your ways are ways of peace

Your ways are ways of love

In you, our hearts are full

In your ways, we will follow. **Amen**

Confession (unison)

Lover of Creation, forgive us. We have not loved ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not followed in your ways. We have rebelled

against your love. Forgive us. Engage us. Reshape our imaginations. Trade our complacency for your courage, our pettiness for your possibility, our greed for your goodness, our aimlessness and for your adventure, our lives for your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Open your hearts. Hear the good news. God has not abandoned us. God has not sent us out to find our own way. God is with us, all around us, at work within us. In the name of all that is, you are welcome. Into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of the Creator of our hearts.

All: Glory to Giver of Life. Amen.

*Hymn: "One Day" (verses 1, 2 & 4) p.294

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-19

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2** Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." **6** He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. **9** When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said

to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. **15** When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." **16** A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the one whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory, and honor be to God for ever. Amen

Call to Offering

In a world that lives out of scarcity you call us to a life of abundance. You offer grace and mercy. You heal us. You carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

Offering

Choir Anthem

*The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

**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, for ever. Amen.**

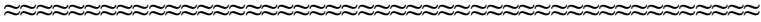
*Closing Hymn: "More Love to Thee" (verses 1 & 2) p.634

*Benediction

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we love the world as God has loved us. May we be peace. May we be love. May God's mercy be present among us. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Follow God: Service Prayers for Easter 3C was written by Michael Anthony Howard, who serves as Minister of Faith in Action for the Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ

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TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Randy and Sharon Trexler.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

We have Bulletin Magnifier Sheets if needed. They can be found on the sound system.

Mask Wearing - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.



Each week after worship someone needs to remove the flowers from the altar and make sure they get to their sponsors. Would you be willing to do this for us on a Sunday every now and then to help in this ministry? Thanks in advance for your help in BEING THE CHURCH. Pastor Lori

Are you considering joining Old Zionsville UCC? We will be having a **New Members' Class** on Sundays, May 8 and May 15 from 9-10 a.m. each day. On May 15, you will be received into membership at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. You can certainly sit in on the class just to review your knowledge of our church. Please speak with Pastor Lori for further details. We already have two folks signed up. Join in!

GriefShare – Join us on Wednesdays for our GriefShare sessions in the lower social hall at **6:30 p.m.** This group is open to anyone who wishes to explore the program and/or work to heal. You may join in anytime. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. until June 1. There is no cost for the program but a suggested donation of \$15.00 (or whatever you can afford to pay) for the workbook. Please register with Pastor Lori, call or text at 610-393-3522.

Supper Club social for all will be this Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Hops Fogelsville Hotel. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver by Monday, May 2. **Lunch Bunch** will be held on Friday, May 20 at 12:00 noon at Hamilton Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Monday, May 16.

Join Salem United Methodist Church for an intimate visit with **Daryl Mosley**, Grand Ole Opry veteran, storyteller and 2-time songwriter of the year as he shares songs and stories of his life, career and faith. He will be at their pavilion on June 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday we will have a collection for **Phoebe Ministries**. Charitable giving continues to be an essential part of the formula that keeps Phoebe on course and true to its mission. Phoebe continues to be at the forefront of technology, innovation and quality in the senior services sector. Phoebe's Institute on the Aging is yet another example of this remarkable pursuit of excellence and continued quality improvement. Please find a giving envelope in your bulletin.

Week of May 1-7, 2022:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment

Church Secretary: Brenda Seitz, hours Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

GriefShare – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Supper Club – Friday @ 6pm at Hops in Fogelsville

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

9:00am New Members Class

10:15am Worship

Total Offerings from April 24:

General Offerings: \$720.00

Mission: \$115.00

Windows to the Future: \$155.00

Ukraine Relief Fund: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$32.00