

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

April 24, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

See God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads

All: The Christ is in our midst.

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings

All: The Christ is in our midst.

One: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe

All: The Christ is in our midst

Prayer of Invocation

One: God of the visible and invisible, we gaze upon roads
ahead knowing that you are ahead of us.

**All: We seek your presence when the fog is heavy
and our hearts are hurting. In the moments of
haze, clear the path before us.**

One: In the moments of clarity, show your face to us.

Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night as we
search for your presence and call. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" p.33
(verses 1 & 3)

Prayer of Reflection and Growth – Spirit of Serenity

**All: You tell us "peace be with you," but we set that
peace aside to live with drama and chaos. We are
drawn to highly emotional situations instead of the
peace that only comes from you. How can we set**

aside turmoil to live within your realm of peace? When we cannot sense your holy tranquility surrounding us, open our souls to your warm and calming presence. May we embrace your peace and scatter serenity into our world. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The God who walks with us scatters the seeds of grace behind us and before us, allowing us to understand the future with healing and hope. Amen!

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** A

week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reflection

*Hymn: "Because He Lives" (verses 1 & 2) p.358

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Pastoral Prayer....The Lord's Prayer

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: "I Know Whom I Have Believed" p.527
(verses 1 & 2)

*Benediction

One: No matter the brightness of the day

All: Or the clear skies of night,

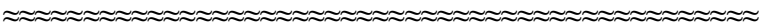
One: Our God is moving with us,

All: The Christ is calling to us "Peace be with you,"

One: And the Holy Spirit is surrounding us. May Divine Serenity be our companion as we build the realm of God on earth. Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



See God: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter C was written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Joseph and Anna Benner from daughter, Linda.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Les and Deb Schoenberger.

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.

Windows To The Future - Running low on windows note cards? You're in luck because we are having a half-price Spring Sale. Five cards are now just \$5. They are available in the Upper Social Hall where you will also find the quilt auction entry box. Be sure to drop off your sealed bid for the quilt during April. **Last chance to bid is April 30 and winner will be notified first week of May**

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 on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Hops Fogelsville Hotel. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver by Monday, May 2.

We are so fortunate to have beautiful **Altar Flowers** either silk or real each week. Thank you to everyone who contributes that gift to our worship experience. Each week after worship someone needs to remove the flowers from the altar and make sure they get to their sponsors or to another location based on the wishes of the giver. We have missed Darlene Schmeltzle in coordinating this part of our Altar Guild's ministry. Would you be willing to stay after worship for the Sundays of one month to help in this ministry? The instructions are easy to follow and you can certainly ask someone else to help if you need to be away. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry. Here is the list of current helpers we have. If you see an empty space, will you help us? Also, if you are on this list and would prefer to be removed, please let me know. Thanks in advance for your help in BEING THE CHURCH. Pastor Lori

January: Open	July: Open
February: Cheryl Martucci	August: Open
March: Susan Jacobs	September: Diane Berger
April: Open	October: Patti Mittl
May: Brenda Shoemaker	November: Jane Bedell
June: Brenda Shoemaker	December: Carolyn Rhoads

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.

Prayer List

Christoph Shirley Arlene Aunt Judy's Family Martucci Family
 David Family Caroline Chris Bryan Mike Robin Curtis
 Deitzler Family Harrison Family Whitcomb Family Elaine Jeff
 Bausman Memorial UCC Linda Duane Jim Denise Shirley
 Ernie Eck Family Sharon Ukraine Richard Brad George
 Strobel Family Bob Anna Reith Family Lori May Troy
 Bob Martucci Family Frank Family Greg Michael Donna

Military

Drew Stahler Chad Kichline Nate Yeakel Chanellor Yenser
 All Military Personnel Worldwide

Week of April 24-April 30, 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

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Worship

Worship during Easter Season:

Maundy Thursday attendance: 20

Offerings received:

General: \$1,246.00

Cemetery: \$25.00

Good Friday attendance: 25

Offerings received:

General: \$50.25

7:30am Easter Worship attendance: 50

Offerings received:

General: \$1,398.00

Windows: \$60.00

Mission: \$30.00

Ukraine Relief Fund: \$20.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$32.00

Parking Lot: \$0

Cemetery: \$0

10:15 Easter Worship attendance: 75

Offerings received:

General: \$2,180.00

Windows: \$385.00

Ukraine Relief Fund: \$25.00

Communion: \$13.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$40.00

Parking Lot: \$0

Cemetery: \$30.00