

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

May 15, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Glorify God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 148)

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

All: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

All: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

All: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

Prayer of Invocation

One: Spirit of Joy-Basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us.

All: We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings.

One: We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love.

**All: May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (vs 1& 2) p.12

Prayers of Reflection and Growth

One: God of Awe and Harmony-We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us.

All: And yet, the way we love becomes conditional.

What events have distorted our view of Divine Love?

One: How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving?

All: Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace as the Divine One works to transform our world into a realm of peace and joy. Amen.

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee" (vs 1 & 2) p.90

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; **4** he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." **5** And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, 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 Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Call to Offering

We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

*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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness-We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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.

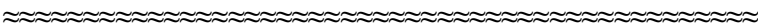
*Closing Hymn: "We'll Understand It Better By and By" p.771
(verses 1 & 2)

*Benediction

As the week begins again, may we dance as we celebrate God's presence. May we sing as we proclaim Christ's love. May we create as we embrace the Spirit's vision. May we love boldly, care radically, and share courageously to glorify the Spirit of God in our midst. Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Glorify 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 sponsored by Jeff and Cheryl Dreas in honor of family.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Paul and Robin Yoder in honor of their 34th Wedding Anniversary and celebration of Nate, Jen, Austin and Christie.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Jane Bedell.

TODAY'S GREETER is Nancy Weitzel.

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.

All loose money in the offering plate today will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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.

New Member Classes have been canceled and are being rescheduled for some time in June. New dates will be available shortly.



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

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. Since we missed the first session, we added another week on the end of GriefShare.

The last Wednesday will be June 8. 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.

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. **Supper Club** is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 6pm at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in Kutztown.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection - We are collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry during the month of May. You may bring your PB and/or Jelly in any time by June 5. This way the items can be distributed early in June to the Food Pantry clients. Thank you!

Attention Soon-to-be Grads! Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name and the name of the school in next month's newsletter. Forms to fill out can be found at the entrance and placed in the secretary's mailbox or drop your form in the offering plate. **We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 5.**

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.

Mark your calendars! We are excited to have as worship leader and preacher on Sunday, July 24 at 9:30 a.m. Worship, The Rev. Denise Dorman Fry. Bring your family and friends to give her a warm OZ Welcome!

BSA Troop 31 is holding a used clothing drive. **Saturday, May 21** from **9:00am to 1:00pm** at **Upper Milford Twp. Building Parking Lot**. They will be collecting wearable and usable clothing, shoes (please bag separately), belts & handbags, linens (bedding, curtains, towels) and stuffed

animals. **SCOUTS ARE NOT COLLECTING AT THE CHURCH AND ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT HERE.**

Week of May 15-21, 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 (please call before coming)

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

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

IT Committee – Monday @ 7pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

GriefShare – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon @ HamFam

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

Total Offerings from May 8:

General Offerings: \$2,078.10

Mission: \$45.00

Windows to the Future: \$240.00

Phoebe Ministries: \$192.00

ATF: \$10.00

Communion: \$10.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Attendance: 38