

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

May 22, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Love of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

All: Let the Creator be home among us

One: In our hearts, may God be welcome

All: May God's love shape our every thought

One: May our actions lead to God's justice

All: May our words be words of life

One: May God's Spirit lead us

All: May God's peace dwell within us. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

God's love is our nourishment

God's truth, our liberation

God's words, our wisdom

God's peace, our home

Welcome to the love of God

*Opening Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians" p.429
(verses 1 & 2)

Prayer of Confession

One: We have not yet learned to love as you love. We have spoken praise in our mouths when our hearts were far from you.

All: The gifts you gave for our peace we have weaponized. Yet, even in our failings your love has never failed us.

One: Even when we turned you away you still choose to make your home among us.

All: Our hearts are troubled. We are enmeshed in fear. Creation needs you. Our families need you. Our streets need you. Our cities need you.

One: The soil needs you. Our souls need you. Heal us. Forgive us. Make us whole again. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's faithfulness is sure. God's love will not fail us. In accordance with God's loving kindness you are forgiven. You are welcome. You are home.

All: Glory to love of God. Amen.

*Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" (words on screen)

Scripture: John 14:23-29

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. 25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith – The Ten Commandments

God spoke these words, saying, I am the Holy One your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image. You shall not take the name of God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day; keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

Choir Anthem

*Presentation of the Offering...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 (unison)

**May these gifts be used to build the Beloved
Community through our hands of service, in the
power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus,
our Messiah. 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: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" p.215
(verses 1 & 2)

*Benediction

May the love of God go with us. May God's love saturate
our memories. May God's love overwhelm us. God is love.
As we carry God's love within us, may we carry God's love
to the world around us. Go forth in the love of God. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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*Love of God: Service Prayers for Easter 6C* 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.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Bertha and  
Raymond Aston sponsored by Dennis and Cindy Kneisley.  
**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are in memory of Sarah and Clyde  
Martin sponsored by Dennis and Cindy Kneisley.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Robin Yoder.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Mark and Linda Weaver.

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.

We are asking our members and friends to not park their car by the garage/cemetery in the side parking lot, this area is for our tenants use only. Thank you.

**New Member Classes** have been rescheduled for June 5 and June 12 at 9:00 a.m. with new members joining on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to sit in on the class to review your knowledge of our church.



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.

**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!

Our next **Supper Club** will be on Friday, June 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 4 Lincoln Road, Kutztown. Please let Linda or Mark know if you can make it by May 30<sup>th</sup>. All members and friends are welcome to come.

The Churches in the Old Zionsville Ministerium are co-sponsoring 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. Join us at Salem United Methodist Church, at their pavilion, on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** Hot Dogs and drinks will be available to purchase. Flyers hanging on bulletin boards.

**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.**

**Celebration at Dillingersville!** Join us for the Annual Dillingersville Worship Celebration combined Worship Service with the UCCs, the Lutherans, and the Mennonites. Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the School House under the big tent. There will be a community choir to help lead worship that day, if you are interested in singing on the joint choir please let us know. Lunch will be served after Worship and stay for the entertainment, "The Schoolhouse by the Old Spring". Bring your own lawn chair if you wish. Come and join us as we worship with our neighbors. Dillingersville School is located at **7226 School House Lane, Zionsville.**

**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!

**Week of May 22-28, 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

By-Laws Committee – Monday @ 7pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

GriefShare – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

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

**Total Offerings from May 15:**

General Offerings: \$1,088.00

Mission: \$15.00

Electric: \$25.00

Building Repair: \$60.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: 40

Ukraine Relief: \$30.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 35