

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

May 29, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Know God”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: We have been invited to know God

All: Let us enter the knowledge of God

One: We have been invited to bear God’s justice

All: Let us enter the justice of God

One: We have been invited to enter God’s truth

All: Let us enter the truth of God

One: We have been invited to enter God’s unity

All: Let us enter the unity of God

Prayer of Invocation

One: Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer—

**All: We come as standard-bearers of your love,
offering our disconnected lives in return for your
unity. May we know you in this place, not as lone
individuals but as faithful fragments seeking to be
made whole again. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: “We Gather Together” (vs. 1 & 2) p.790

Prayer of Confession

One: Creating God,

**All: In selfishness and insecurity, we have traded
your healing for our hatred, your calling for our
comfort,**

One: Your truth for our traditions, your covenant for our conventions, your faithfulness for our fragmentation,

All: Your care and our convenience, your solidarity for our self-righteousness, your promise for our praise. Forgive us, we pray. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know you, and by knowing you, we may once again be made whole. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's love never fails us. Even in our division and despair, God desires to be made known.

All: We are forgiven. We are welcome. We are one. Amen.

*Hymn: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" p.808
(vs. 1 & 2)

Scripture: John 17:20-26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in you. O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people

from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*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 unity, in the power of the
Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah.
Amen.**

Choir Anthem

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: "America, the Beautiful" (vs 1 & 2) p.799

*Benediction

May the joy of our Healer go with us. May we go out in the unity of God. That we may know God and make God known. Go forth in the love of God. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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**Know God: Service Prayers for Easter 7C** 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 a reminder of the gift of life God has given to us and to honor those who have died in service to our country.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in honor of Pastor Lori's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with love from her Mom and Gary. **Happy Birthday!!!**

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are in memory of loved ones sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Pat Sajkowicz.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are John and Nancy Civitts.

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.

**Thank You** to Jen Goudsward for playing piano today!

**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.



**Reminder: At 12 noon, the Macungie VFW will do a brief Memorial Tribute at the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. You are welcome to attend.**

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.

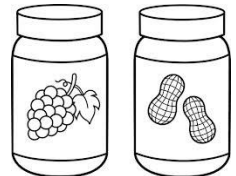
**New Member Classes** are next Sunday, June 5 and June 12 at 9:00 a.m. with new members joining on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to sit in on the class to review your knowledge of our church.



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.

**GriefShare** – We have two more 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. 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 see 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!



**Supper Club** has been canceled for June.

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.

**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. After Worship lunch will be served for a donation. There will be a bake sale too. At 12:30 p.m. there will be a fun presentation by Mr. Donald Heminitz, portraying an early 1770s traveling Schoolmaster who will stop to visit. 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**. Flyers are hanging on bulletin boards around the church.

**Calling All Bakers!!! The Bake Sale is BACK!!!** There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Dillingersville Schoolhouse on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



If you love to bake, please consider donating one of your delicious desserts to support this beautiful and historical schoolhouse. Bring your dessert(s) to the schoolhouse with you that morning. Please keep in mind that there is no refrigeration available, so you may want to consider not using icing on your dessert. For more information, please contact Teresa Marks at 610-509-1488 (cell number). Thank you!

**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!

**Newsflash!** We just received word that Audrey Parenti, (step daughter of Bobby Schmeltzle and sister of Erica Schmeltzle) has a surgery date for her kidney transplant! Please start praying now for all involved, doctors/nurses/techs/donor/Audrey/hospital staff/family and friends. The surgery is scheduled for June 15, 2022. Our prayers are for success and health for everyone involved. May Peace be with you Audrey!

**Week of May 29-June 4, 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)

Church Office is closed for Holiday on Monday.

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

9:00am New Member Class

10:15am Worship, **Wear Red**

Graduate Recognition

Joyful Noise collection for

The Kindness Project

**Total Offerings from May 22:**

General Offerings: \$1,882.00

Mission: \$130.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Windows: \$60.00

Church Lawn: \$25.00

Communion: \$5.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$20.00

Attendance: 41

**In Flanders Fields** by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.