

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

July 3, 2022

9:30 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**“May Peace Be”**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

**All: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!**

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

**All: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.**

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

**All: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe us in joy and peace.**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (all verses)

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Prayer Transformation and New Life

One: Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter.

**All: The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our**

**neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation.**

One: Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.

#### Words of Grace

Our Companion and Advocate takes this journey with us. Our invitation to make the kingdom of God our dwelling place continually renews. The Righteous One opens the door and eases our entry into new life, new mercy, and new grace. Amen

\*Hymn: "Heal Our Land" (sing through twice) p.800

#### Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:1-10

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. **4** All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. **5** For all must carry their own loads. **6** Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. **7** Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. **8** If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. **9** So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. **10** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

#### Reflection

#### Special Music

#### Invitation to Generosity

The generous life responds to the call to mutuality and burden sharing. The generous life recognizes the abundance of creation and trusts the generosity of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The generous life follows the steps of Jesus in meeting needs, spreading hope, and sharing 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 and Thanksgiving (unison)

**Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciousy, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion (pg. 19 in Communion booklet)

\*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: "The Star-Spangled Banner" (both verses) p.802

\*Benediction

Go on your way into the harvest as laborers bringing good news into a world of need. Go on your way as companions of one another, of the Spirit, and of Christ. Go on your way in the assurance that the God of peace goes with you, before you, and behind you. Go in peace. Amen.

\*The Sung Benediction

**The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us  
Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be  
God's people. Amen.**

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude



**May Peace Be: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Laura Jacobs and Charles A.

Jacobs, Sr. sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Mina Reinhard in loving memory of Gene and Timothy Reinhard.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Chris Schell.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Mike and Diane Berger.

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

Want to share a **gift or talent** during worship this summer while our choir gets a break? Please speak with Pastor Lori 610-393-3522 or the church office. Sing, play an instrument, dance, read poetry, tell a story...Know a child who might like to share their talent in front of our congregation? - anything that gives thanks to God!

The **Zionsville Area Food Pantry** is in need of volunteers on distribution days which are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and following Saturday each month. Hours are Monday 3:45pm-5:50pm, Saturday 9:40am-12pm. If you can help, please call or text Dave at 484-602-3173. Thank you!

**Week of July 3-9, 2022:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm. Other times by appointment

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:30am Worship

**Total Offerings from June 19:**

General Offerings: \$1,766.00

Mission: \$100.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Windows to the Future: \$145.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$100.00

Attendance: 41