

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
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Pastor

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Organist

June 19, 2022

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**“Fear of the Truth”**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 42)

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.**

One: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.**

One: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**Many: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**Holy Wisdom, we hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire a compelling vision of a gracious, beloved, and empowered community that propels us**

**to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. Renew our hope for humanity so that we might rejoice in this inhabited world and delight in our siblings. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "As the Deer" (all verses) p.548

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy and Gracious God, fear seeks to be our constant companion. It stifles us with its overwhelming presence and prolific imagination.

**Many: Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and your path. Fear keeps us from picking up our cross as much as it suppresses our joy in you.**

One: Fear invites us to believe the easy lie rather than confronting the hard truths necessary for your kingdom to come. Too often, we cast off your perfect love in favor of insidious fear.

**Many: Forgive us for choosing fear when we could have you, your presence, and your way as our companion on our journey. Empower us to reject fear and all that fall complicit in dampening your truth.**

Words of Grace

Romans 5:1b-2a reminds us that "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." That grace promises the glory of transformation through the acknowledgement of need for it. New life awaits as "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (v.5) Receive grace, embrace transformation, and enter the newness of life in which Christ fashions our struggles into character and hope. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Grace Greater than Our Sin" (vs 1 & 4) p.344

Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:1-15

**19** Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

**3** Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, **4** while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." **5** Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." **6** He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. **7** The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." **8** So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **9** There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**10** He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." **11** The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

**12** After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

**13** When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

**14** He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." **15** The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram."

Reflection

Choir Anthem

\*Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

\*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)

**We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory. 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: "God Will take Care of You" p.692  
(verses 1 & 3)

\*Benediction

May peace be with you as you confront lies with truth and fear with hope. May the Abiding One strengthen you to stand in truth and hope. May the Living Water refresh you with new streams of righteousness. May Wisdom be the voice you follow now as you go out into the world, encouraged and embolden, and renewed.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude



***Fear of the Truth***: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7 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 sponsored by Dan and Kathy Latshaw in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 27.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of their fathers, Harvey Heil and John Harry.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Kathy Latshaw.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Peter Yeakel.

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.

**Lunch Bunch** will be held this Friday, June 24, 2022. Meet at 12 noon at The New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you can make it by tomorrow.

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 Carolyn Rhoads 610-737-0904. 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 June 19-25, 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  
Sound Committee – Monday @ 7pm  
Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Combined Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm, Lutheran Church  
Lunch Bunch – Friday @ Noon, Pennsburg Dinner

The Scouts have access to our building throughout the summer but may be meeting off site. We leave their meeting time on our schedule to hold the place for them. If you want more information on Scouting, speak with Robin Yoder at 610-428-1884 or Pastor Lori.

**Next Sunday** – 10:30am Worship at Dillingersville School House

**Our Summer Worship begins July 3 at 9:30 a.m.** with Communion.

**Total Offerings from June 12:**

General Offerings: \$1,398.00  
Mission: \$15.00  
Zionsville Food Pantry: \$20.00  
Communion: \$10.00  
Windows Fund: \$160.00  
Lancaster Seminary: \$45.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  
Cemetery: \$20.00

Attendance: 55



**Next Sunday!**

**Let's Celebrate 76 Years!**

**Celebration at Dillingersville!** Three local churches in the Old Zionsville area have been historically connected through a schoolhouse. Back in the 1700s, this schoolhouse was built to educate the local children of church members. It has been maintained throughout the years and on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> the founding churches will gather for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Dillingersville Worship Service to commemorate the partnership in education and Christian living.

The Annual Dillingersville Worship Celebration combined Worship Service with the UCCs, the Lutherans, and the Mennonites will be **Next 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!

All welcome to join the combined Dillingersville Choir to share music at the Dillingersville worship service on Sunday June 26 at 10:30 a.m. **NO SERVICE AT OZUCC that day.** The next Dillingersville Combined choir practice will be Thursday, June 23 at 7:30pm at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Lift your voice and sing! Questions? Contact Carolyn Rhoads 610-737-0904.