

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

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Organist

October 9, 2022

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**“Show Us Mercy”**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Come, beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.

**Many: We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.**

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

**Many: We come trusting God’s mercy to center and change us.**

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

**Many: May God’s ancient action be a present presence as we gather.**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**Holy Love, take our weary waiting and form in us a readiness for renewal. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Let no weight of the moment prevent our remembering of your long reach of faithfulness cast over the whole creation. Still us enough to discover again your prayer rising in our praying, that we may be formed by Your love made known to us in Jesus Christ. By this, change us on the inside that our outer lives may more clearly reflect your will and way of mercy into the world. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Almighty King” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Loving God, form in me a space for healing and enter in anew. For too long I have clutched the past in ways that have prevented the possibility of moving forward. Boundaries of my own making have kept me resistant to your healing mercy.

**Many: Definitions of the world's making have created divisions preventing the possibility of a new day, a new season, a new life. By Your mercy form me for a life of mercy and thanks. Lift every burden and release me from every long-rehearsed story holding me hostage to any narrative of hopelessness, hurt and fear. Grant instead a lightness of spirit forgiving me and freeing me to leap into a dance of delight beyond my wildest imagination.**

#### Words of Grace

Hear the good news! Into our little openings of trust, God is pouring a large love born of mercy. No burden of your past is stronger than this power of Love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Now may our lives become songs of thanksgiving and praise that others too may discover the amazing power of God to make all things new!

\*Hymn: "The Savior Is Waiting"

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Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

**11** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? **18** Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reflection: "Healed"

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

## Invitation to Generosity

Luke tells us that Jesus healed ten lepers but only one returned to give thanks and that one was a foreigner. Again and again in the Bible the unlikely one in the story becomes the model of a generosity and grace. Maybe today, we are the ones God is hoping will return to give thanks and praise. May we offer our best in joyful response to the gift of our lives that this mission of healing may continue to spread throughout the world.

### \*Presentation of our Offerings and 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)

**Holy One, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like – merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing. 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: "Love Lifted Me"

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### \*Benediction

Go, my friends, because the mercy of God has freed you from your past. Go, because the mercy of God calls you forward into the world. Go, because the blessing of mercy you offer to others will lighten the burden they are carrying. Go, because by this mercy of God, we are all healed again and again. Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen!

### \*Extinguishing of the Candles

### \*Postlude



**Show Us Mercy:** *Service Prayers for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23* were written by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in honor of Pastor Lori!

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is RuthAnn Mutchler.

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

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.

Pastor Lori will be on Vacation, next **Sunday, October 16** so you will have the opportunity to hear **the Rev. Jameson Baxter**, who is the new chaplain at the Independent Living buildings on the Phoebe Allentown Campus. Come out to church to hear this dynamic and young speaker.



**Windows to the Future** - The final phase of the windows restoration is underway and so is the 2022 Matching Gift Challenge. This year's challenge will benefit the restoration of the nativity stained glass window. The challenge is currently \$3,000 and all donations during September, October and November will help to reach this goal. Donations since September 4th have been \$1,078.00. Thank you for your continued support.

ATF will be hosting the **Christmas Shoppers Shop** again this November for our food pantry clients. Set up will be on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after Church. A lot of help is needed to move items from downstairs storage to our upstairs social room. Help is also needed to unpack and arrange display tables. We will have a signup sheet listing the different jobs, (trimming the tree, setting up miscellaneous themed tables, etc.) so you can pick how you would like to help. Lunch will be provided. We will also need help to sort and store before the 13<sup>th</sup>. Get together dates will be on Mondays at 10am. If you can help please join in. Any questions, please contact Millie Kohler. Thank you.

We are looking for people who like to **bake or make special treats** for the Sunday School children for a Third Sunday Treat time each month. Everyone is invited to share in this time of fellowship. Please speak with me or email me for further details. Thanks in advance for your help. The children (and adults) look forward to it! Sign up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary.

We had another successful **Sunday Brunchers** in September with 16 in attendance at the Mercantile Club and the group wants to continue this outing. We will continue for now on a month-to-month basis. Please add another Sunday Brunchers to your calendar for next Sunday, October 16, 2022. Again, to be held at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus (Cash Only). RSVP by tomorrow.

**October 23 - 4-6 PM - Light in the Night at the Upper Milford Township Building.** More details to follow soon. Any questions please contact Mandy Ritter [beachy2125@gmail.com](mailto:beachy2125@gmail.com).

**Lunch Bunch** will meet on Friday, October 28 at noon at **Hamilton Family Restaurant**, 2027 Hamilton Street, Allentown. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark no later than Monday, October 24.

**All Saint's Day** Sunday will be October 30 at 10:15 a.m. during worship. If you have any questions about our All Saint's Day remembrance, please contact Pastor Lori. If your loved one has died this year, please plan on being with us to celebrate this moving ceremony of remembrance. We invite loved ones to come forward to light a candle in memory of the one who has died. Bring your whole family to mark this time in remembrance and celebration of the life that was lived.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 12<sup>th</sup>** this year. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger if you would like to reserve a space. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 11) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl. Thank you.

**Sandwiches at the Craft and Basket Bazaar.** This year Social and Aid will not be offering any food during the bazaar, including anything to preorder. Good news is the FUN group is selling the great pretzel sandwiches as well as hoagies again this year. **Order forms are located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.** Order forms with payment (payable to FUN Group) need to be in by Sunday, October 31. Pretzel sandwiches are \$6 and Hoagies are \$7. Your orders can be picked up during the Bazaar between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Poinsettia Order Forms** can be found in your pew and at the entrance to the Church. Orders are due before Tuesday, November 29.

**GriefShare** sessions are being held in our lower social hall on **Thursdays** from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** each week. We will meet until Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. You may join in at any time. Please register with Pastor Lori, call or text at 610-393-3522. This group is open to all!

From Melissa Yenser – “The **Scout Popcorn Fundraiser** has begun. We like to advertise it as a donation to the Scouts with a popcorn prize and free shipping rather than buying expensive popcorn. Go to [www.campmasters.org](http://www.campmasters.org). Click "Buy Now". Choose "Support a Scout". Matthew's Scout KeyCode is: GQQF. The items are shipped to the buyer's home for free. Orders close on Oct 31, 2022.” Thank you for supporting the Scouts!

Our **Sound Team is looking for helpers**. Instruction and training provided. No experience necessary. See Mark Weaver or Dan Latshaw at the sound console any Sunday for more information.

**Zionsville Area Food Pantry** needs 60 boxes of stuffing mix for Thanksgiving, due November 11, Thank You! They are also asking for donations of \$10 Walmart gift cards for Thanksgiving and \$25 Walmart gift cards for Christmas. Please bring these to church anytime or mail. Questions, please ask Millie Kohler.

**Week of October 9-October 15, 2022:**

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm  
Property – Monday @ 7pm  
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm  
FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm  
Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm  
Trip to Sight and Sound - Saturday

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation  
10:15am Worship, **Guest Pastor**  
Brunch after Worship at the Mercantile Club

**Total Offerings from October 2:**

General Offerings: \$908.00  
Mission: \$20.00  
Windows to the Future: \$250.00  
Communion: \$38.00  
Disaster Relief: \$30.00  
Building Repair: \$25.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  
Cemetery: \$10.00  
Attendance: 50