

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

Pastor

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Organist

October 23, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Repay the Years”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: It is a time of good rain, early and abundant, that renews and does not flood.

Many: We are the gatherers of all that nourishes body and soul, for we work among a harvest of possibility.

One: It is a time of good trouble, bringing justice without violence, a time of unexpected spirit bringing new words, understandings.

Many: We are the Everyone who receives God’s spirit, the Everyone who shares God’s spirit, in spoken word and Sign, in song, text, Braille, code, hand-reaching.

One: You are gatherers, who are not washed away, the troublemakers of a trouble called love, the Anyone, dangerously open.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

God, we come from years of losses – pandemic years, disappointment years, hiding years – and from broken days, wasted hours, painful moments. Yet our hands are out, expecting love so wide it seeps through our fingers. We hold only what we share. We receive only what is shared with us – worship blessings, life blessings, surprising blessings. Amen

*Opening Hymn: “All for Jesus” (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God, we have put your people to shame. We have shamed people because of color, age, size, gender identity, sexual orientation, sensory

difference, cognitive difference, life choices influenced by faith, politics, mobility, memory, mental illness diagnoses.

Many: God, we have not been ashamed of shaming your children, but we have often been decided we know your preferences and been ashamed of ourselves. That too is sin. Like locusts we have turned against ourselves, swarmed against, and cut off life. We ask, O Holy One, for your forgiveness. Amen

Words of Grace

God repays our unlove with love. God repays our cursings of ourselves and others with a forgiveness that always makes harvest even from desolation. Thanks and thanks abundant.

*Hymn: "I Then Shall Live" (vs. 1& 2) p.604

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **10** "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' **13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' **14** I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Reflection

*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

*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.

Invitation to Generosity

We are invited to repay the grace we have received with our resources, time, abilities, compassion from a deep and wide place of gratitude. These gifts are for prophesies, dreams, and hopes of the future from all your children. Be generous, my friends, with repaying, repraising, repairing.

*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)

God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us – we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go plenty and learning need. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O How He Loves You and Me"

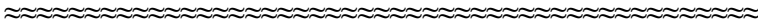
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*Benediction

May you be blessed by the least expected people, recognize plenty after empty, and feel an incognito inner urge to be the Spirit's lungs and tongues.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Repay the Years: Service Prayers for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Maren C. Tirabassi, a UCC pastor, author of fiction and non-fiction, and also a hiker in autumn leaves and a lover of fireside moments in the company of dogs, reading poetry and novels and finding myself praying.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Paula Lilly in memory of her husband, Howard.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are in loving memory of Bill Stahler commemorating his Birthday given by Larry and Angela Stahler.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Paula Lilly in honor of her children.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.

TODAY'S GREETER is Millie Kohler.

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.

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 \$1,228.00. Thank you for your continued support.

The remaining two quilts are on display in the upper social hall. The asking price is \$350 each or best offer. The holidays are coming and they would make great gifts for a special family member or friend. They will also be offered for sale during the bazaar and basket auction, so don't wait and miss this wonderful opportunity. All proceeds go to the windows fund. See Pastor Lori, Beth Massa or Ruth Stansfield.

ATF will be hosting the **Christmas Shoppers Shop** again this November for our food pantry clients. Set up will be on Sunday, November 13th 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 13th. Get together dates will be all Mondays in October at 10am. If you can help please join in as many Mondays as possible. We have lots of fun and fellowship sorting through all the "piles of stuff". Please remember to keep Maynard and Debbie in your prayers! They have been so faithful to our mission!! May God continue to bless us, our work and our families in need. Any questions, please contact Millie at 610-737-9432, call or text. 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.

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 tomorrow, October 24. The next Supper Club will be Friday, November 4 at the Washington Inn, 6 p.m.

All Saint's Day Sunday will be next Sunday, 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.

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, call or text at 610-737-9432.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 12th** this year. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger (610-967-5930) 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 30. 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 12th.

Come to Supper Club – Supper Club will be meeting Friday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Washington Grille & Pub, 1063 PA-100, Bechtelsville. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver (215-679-7599 or email: catofpa@ptd.net or weavermj@ptd.net) know by Monday, October 31st if you will be attending. This is open to all church members and friends.

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 17th. 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. 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.

Week of October 23-October 29, 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

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ noon at Hamilton Family Restaurant

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:15am Worship, All Saints Day

Total Offerings from October 16:

General Offerings: \$761.00

Mission: \$10.00

Windows to the Future: \$60.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$100.00

Heat: \$25.00

Zionsville Food Pantry: \$30.00

ATF Room: \$10.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 41