

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 30, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Welcome Jesus”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Come from every direction: north, south, east, and west.

Many: Let us welcome and worship Jesus in this sacred place!

One: Come bearing all your gifts: behind-the-scenes, quirky, unique, and more.

Many: Let us welcome and worship Jesus with zealous authenticity!

One: Come with all your identities: race, gender, sexuality, and all.

Many: Let us welcome and worship Jesus with our whole selves!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Welcome us, loving Jesus, as we now welcome you into our hearts, minds, and worship. Let us transform and be transformed by each other so that we might perceive your presence among us ever more clearly. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs. 1, 3, & 4) p.87

Prayer of Transformation and Words of Grace

One: We crowd each other out, clamoring for glimpses of and glances from Jesus. We get caught up in the hype, buzzing with the energy of and adrenaline from the crowds. Who wouldn't? However, in so doing, we neglect the quiet opportunities to welcome Jesus into our homes and lives.

Many: We need not fret over our mistakes and missed chances of years and days past. God is forgiving and gracious. We are liberated from the things we cannot change and empowered to influence the things we can. No matter where we may go, God is always near. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Reflection: "Seeking the Lost"

*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

Remembering the Saints (see insert)

*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

When the crowds around Zacchaeus blocked his view of Jesus, he anticipated where Jesus would be and staked space in the sycamore tree to increase his ability to see. His foresight became a blessing as Jesus saw Zacchaeus and invited him down from the tree. Likewise, let us look ahead to where we can

meet and welcome Jesus into our many ministries by generously sharing our various gifts today.

*Presentation of Our Gifts 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)

Thank you for choosing to receive these gifts that we now share with you, gracious God. Bless each offering – including our very selves – and let every single one be given in service to you. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: “For All the Saints” (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6) p.767

*Benediction

Bless you in your coming and going. Bless you in your welcoming and being invited. Bless you in your doing and being. Bless you in your now and forever. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude



Welcome Jesus: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost were written by The Rev. Phiwa Langeni is the Ambassador for Innovation & Engagement for the UCC’s CARDD, and the Founder and former Director of Salus Center in Lansing, MI.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William M.E. Yeakel by daughter Miriam and Family.

TODAY’S BULLETINS are sponsored by Patti and James Mittl to the Glory of God in memory of Julia Yeakel.

TODAY’S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

TODAY’S GREETERS are

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 - As of Sunday, October 23rd, donations to the \$3,000 matching gift challenge total \$2,463! And there is even more exciting news. Another donor has stepped forward to add \$1,000 to the challenge. With the congregation's continued support during November, we could raise \$8,000 toward restoring the nativity window and be very close to signing a contract. Thank you to our latest donor and to all of you for your donations. 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.

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.

Annual Report – Committee Chairs please have your Reports **in the office no later than November 6**. Information to include should be from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Reports will be handed out at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2022. Thank you!

ATF will be hosting the **Christmas Shoppers Shop** again this November for our food pantry clients. Set up will be in the upper social room on Sunday, November 13th after Church. Help is needed to simply unpack boxes or help arrange displays on various themed tables, your choice. Lunch will be provided. We will continue to sort on Monday, October 31st at 10:00 a.m. If you can help please join in. 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, call or text. Thank you.

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 **TODAY**. 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 know by tomorrow if you will be attending.

Lunch Bunch will meet again on Friday, November 18 at 12 noon at the New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg.

Start thinking about what you will write to put in the chimnea when we burn our sins/misgivings/past history/etc. You can take the time to write things on your own paper at home and bring the paper with you to church on **Sunday, Nov. 13**. It doesn't take long to release these issues from yourself as they burn and send the smoke of the past to God for renewal. If you have issues from the past that remain and haunt you, give this a try this year. You will be glad you did. Let me know if you need further guidance on how to use this tool to find forgiveness, renewal and peace in your life. I know that we will be anxious to get inside to start setting up the ATF room, but taking this small few minutes to do this could change your life!

Our Community **Thanksgiving Worship** will be the TUESDAY night before Thanksgiving, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church, 6440 Powder Valley Road, Zionsville. Jenny Fujita from Upper Milford Mennonite Church will be preaching. **Note this will be happening the TUESDAY before Thanksgiving** this year so you can be home Wednesday night to get your house and dinner fixin's ready! Bring your neighbors and friends.

Poinsettia Order Forms can be found 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!

Our Church Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 4** immediately following worship. We hope all members will stay for this brief but important meeting to approve the church budget and to elect and approve new members for Consistory. If you have interest in **servicing on Consistory** or any committee, please speak with Pastor Lori. **The Cemetery Association** will have their annual meeting at the same time.

Week of October 30-November 5, 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

IT Committee – Wednesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm

Tootsie – Thursday @ State Theatre, show starts at 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Supper Club – Friday 6pm @ Washington Grille & Pub

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:15am Communion Worship

Total Offerings from October 23:

General Offerings: \$2,370.00

Mission: \$130.00

Windows to the Future: \$2,235.00

Communion: \$5.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$45.00

Cemetery: \$80.00

Attendance: 45