

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

November 6, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Take Courage”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: Raise your hand/say, ‘yes’ if any one of these describes you:

I remember a Christmas Eve in this sanctuary.

I remember attending a funeral or a wedding here.

I remember how I felt walking through the door today.

I remember a time I was touched by music in any church.

I remember once feeling angry in a church sanctuary.

I remember being in a church and feeling I would never be alone.

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: We gather with joys and sorrows and memories of joy and sorrow.

Many: We gather from hope or habit, with happiness or heartbreak.

One: We gather knowing every scuffed pew/chair is a place a child sat and that every dusty hymnal was held by someone singing.

Many: We gather, not only to remember, but to be present in this place to our own faith, and to be truly supportive of one another.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

We take courage, O God, for your Spirit abides with us and we rejoice in your treasure that enriches the community inside these walls and online today in word and song, prayer and story, and the community of those who live around us and are blessed by this church, and those who will be blessed by them, and those who are always blessed by an expanding circle of love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing” (vs. 1, 2 & 3) p.430

Prayer for Transformation

One: God, we confess our church-building-sins.

Many: Sometimes we are more engaged with how our church looks or the technology it uses, than the needs of each person who enters and the needs of so many just outside the door. Other times we ignore the church building because of community ministry and forget to care for its gifts of access and inspiration.

One: We often welcome strangers to meeting rooms and hall more easily than to worship and we have vetted visitors as member-possibilities or potential-vandals.

Many: We are confused that church is both a people and a building. Forgive us and teach us how to welcome your children to our hearts and our faith home. Amen

Words of Grace

Take courage. Take heart. God's peace is in a tuned piano and your outreaching hand, a beautiful place for water blessings and every beautiful child of God touched with it. You are forgiven and balanced anew in love.

*Hymn: "The Servant Song" (vs. 1, 2 & 3) p.424

Scripture Reading: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius, **1** in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: **2** "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: **3** Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? **4** Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, **5** according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. **6** For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, **7** and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. **8** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. **9** The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

Reflection

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

We are invited to offer financial resources, time, abilities, compassion, in a tangible expression of our hope for the future of the indoor and outdoor of this community of faith and for many others near and far away. Be generous, my friends, with your trust in the future.

*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)

We take courage, O God, for your Spirit abides with us and we rejoice to bring our treasure to meet yours enriching the community inside this familiar place, and the community of those who live around us and may be blessed by our gifts and share your love as our hearts expand. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) p.151

*Benediction

In the sixth day of the eleventh month, the one with a fall-back gift-hour, God blesses us all to be prophets, so we can lift people's memories, stir people's courage, confident that God's Spirit abides within us, and that we need not fear for God fills this house with splendor looking out of every face.

*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

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**Take Courage:** *Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second 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 from Blanche Steiner in honor of her family.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of Carl Schell's Birthday given by Craig and Linda Schell.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Kathy and Dan Latshaw in memory of loved ones.

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

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Les and Deb Schoenberger.

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 October 31, \$2,566 has been contributed to the \$4,000 Matching Gift Challenge. The challenge continues through November and with your generous support, the goal will be reached.

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 Friday, 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.



Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** will be **this Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Please bring any filled baskets you would like to donate to the Church by Friday night (Nov 11) at 6:30pm...that's when we'll be arranging them for the basket auction. **We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale**—drop them off Friday night (between 6:30pm and 8pm) or early Saturday morning. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up on Friday night** (Nov 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! With your help we'll have another successful Bazaar & Basket Auction this year!! **Also, don't forget to pick up your Sandwich orders between 8am and 1pm.**

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



**Next Sunday, Nov. 13** following worship, we will be burning our papers with sins from the past year written on them in the little chimnea outside of worship. Come to worship this day to send your past in smoke to our God and find cleansing renewal for the upcoming new year.

**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 next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after Church. **Help** is needed to simply unpack boxes or help arrange displays on various themed tables, your choice. Lunch will be provided. 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 Kohler, call or text. Thank you.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet on Friday, November 18 at 12 noon at the New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg. **Sunday** Brunchers will meet after Worship, November 20 at 12 noon at the Mercantile Club (cash only). The next **Supper Club** will be Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Mercantile Club in Emmaus.

**Join us** every third Sunday after Sunday School and before Worship for "**Third Sunday Treats**". Everyone is invited to share in this time of fellowship! If you would like to bake or make special treats please speak to Pastor Lori. There is also a signup sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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.

Our **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. At this time, we will discuss the budget, elect new Consistory members and consider any other business that may come before the congregation.



The **Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** will be held that same day.

**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!

We are looking for families interested in lighting the **Advent Candles** during the month of December in worship each week. If your family would like to help in this meaningful part of the preparation for the Christmas season, please speak with Pastor Lori. It will be a short reading part at the beginning of worship during December. You can pick your Sunday on which to participate. Thanks in advance for your help.



**White Gifts** will be collected for the young adults (ages 10-21) who live at Bethany Ministries on **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:15 a.m.** Their Wish List can be found in the Newsletter. Anyone who would be willing to deliver these gifts to the Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf please speak to Pastor Lori.

**Christmas Eve Worship** – This year we will have a 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service and a 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service. Our 3pm service will be candles and carols in a shortened service.

**Week of November 6-12, 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

FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm

Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Thursday, 1-3pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Church Bazaar – Saturday 9am-3pm; Pick up Sandwich Order 8am-1pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

10:15am Worship, AFT Set up

**Total Offerings from October 30:**

General Offerings: \$1,499.00

Mission: \$60.00

Windows to the Future: \$176.00

Communion: \$25.00

Heat: \$25.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$40.00

Attendance: 86