

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

May 21, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Ascension Sunday
"As We Are One"

Ideas for Before Worship as this service is provided by Federated States of Micronesia: Brothers and Sisters, our precious Children. Today we all come together as one family, one nation, one body, unifying under the Almighty Wings, His Omnipresent, Omnipotent, and Omniscience.

Passing of the Peace/Greeting

(Preacher) (Chuukese) KINAMWEN EWE SOU-NEMENEM EPWE NONOM REMI

(English) PEACE FROM THE HOST-OF-ALL BE WITH YOU

(Congregation) (Chuukese) EPWE PWAL NONOM REOM

(English) ALSO BE WITH YOU

Prelude: "God Leads the Dear Children Along"

Young

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: In this season of thought-provoking and preparation, we come to renewed and refreshed.

Many: We come to be inspired by the stories of love and joyful

One: We come to listen for words of hope and renewal

Many: We come with open eyes, open mind, and open hearts. Blessed be our God.

One: Come Let us worship our God-the One who holds all things in store for us in this season of refreshing.

*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

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Call to Confession: Psalm 51

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin!

Many: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presences and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Luke 7:48

(English) I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Jesus said, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

(Chuukese) Ngang, ngang chok ewe Kot mi amoela om pupungau fan pusin itei, nge usap chuen chechemeni om tipis kana. Iei minie are eman a nonom lon Kraist, i eman forien Kot mi fo. Ewe manauen lom a wes, nge eu manau mi fo a fis. Iei alon Jesus, om tipis kana ra musola.

*Hymn: "I Love You, Lord"

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Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **9** When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. **11** They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. **13** When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14** All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reflection

Statement of Faith (unison)

In life, in death, in life beyond death, we are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to Share Our Gifts, Tithes, Offering

Offertory: "Thank God for the Promise of Spring"

Gaither

* 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 (unison)

**Lord Jesus, you have promised never to leave me or forsake me.
Accept my life and ministry as a living sacrifice to you and grant me
strength to keep my promises to you as I share my gifts and offerings
at this altar. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: "A Quiet Place With God"

Rowland

*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: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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*Benediction (Aaronic Blessing)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give
you peace, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy
Spirit. Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "The Church Triumphant"

Gaither

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**As We Are One: Service Prayers for Ascension Sunday** was written by Rev. Tender Rickysach, Pastor  
Chuukese Bible Ministry at Waipahu United Church of Christ, in Waipahu, Hawaii; an active member of Hawaii  
Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries UCC. Chuuk State, comprised of 290 islands and atolls, is one  
of four states in the Federated States of Micronesia—the others being Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap. Micronesian  
UCC churches are scattered throughout the United States of America with its highest concentration in Hawaii.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kneisley in  
memory of of Bertha and Raymond Aston.

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of Sarah and Clyde Martin.

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**TODAY'S ACOLYTE** is Owen Trexler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Pat Sajkowicz.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system. All LOOSE OFFERING today will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

For the month of May, you will be able to cast your **vote for our Summer Worship time**. We are debating between **9:30 a.m.** and **10:15 a.m.** There will be a consistory member at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday of May to take your preference. Majority will win. You may only vote once.

**Sunday Brunchers** – will meet **TODAY** at noon at the Mercantile Club (Cash Only), 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049. **Lunch Bunch** – Friday, May 26, 2023, Noon at Sunrise Diner, 1401 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown (RSVP no later than Monday 5/22). The next **Supper Club** will meet on Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm at Casa Catrina Mexican Restaurant, 1905 Brookside Rd, Macungie. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Monday, May 29. These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

**GriefShare** will conclude this round on May 30th. Stay tuned for our next round of GriefShare to begin in August. Thanks to our co-leaders: Paula Lilly, Nancy Weitzel and Terry Eck who keep the class moving and meaningful. Our prayers go out with all who have come through the GriefShare program that God's healing love has touched you as you move through your grief.

**Soup Sale!!** The Social and Aid Committee will be making Ground Beef Vegetable Soup and selling it by the quart. Orders need to be in by Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the church. Proceeds will go to our General Fund.

**Youth Group!!** Starts on Friday, **June 2 from 6-8 p.m.** at the church, meet in our downstairs social hall. Join OZUCC "Youth" Group for Friendship, Reflection, Experience and Discovery (FRED) with God.

**Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection** - We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. This year our collection dates will begin today and run through Sunday, June 4. Thank you for your contributions.

**The last day for Sunday School this Spring will be June 4.** The children will be singing in Worship that day. Please plan to be in Worship to support them. Classes will resume in September. And there is always room for more teachers and more helpers!

**Newsflash!** Social and Aid Committee is planning a **covered dish lunch for Sunday, June 4 immediately following worship to celebrate our Sunday School Children!** No sign ups. Social and Aid will be making plenty of hamburger barbecue. You bring the side dishes, veggies, fruit, pickles, chips, desserts, etc. Just a good old fashioned covered dish lunch! Y'all come! All welcome.

**Attention Soon-to-be Grads!** Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would

like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name and the name of the school in next month's newsletter. We would love to hear any future plans you would like to share with your church family also. You may call the church office or send us an email.

**We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 11**

Mark your calendars: **June 11** - Sunday after worship - we will have a **Lunch and Learn** seminar with Financial Advisors from Oaktree Advisors, LLC

**Save the Date** for the upcoming events at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse (7226 Schoolhouse Lane, Zionsville) Saturday, **June 24, 2023** – come and hear "River of Grace" Gospel Quartet at 6:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 25, 2023** will be our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage combined church service with Rev. Bob Gerhart speaking. Following a buffet lunch will be offered for a donation. Bake sale at both events (donation of baked goods appreciated).

**Week of May 21-27, 2023:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm. Other times by appointment

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm (please call before coming)

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

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

GriefShare – Tuesday @ 1pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon at Sunrise Diner

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School and Confirmation  
10:15am Worship, WEAR RED

**Total Offerings from May 14, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$1,483.00

Mission: \$10.00

Communion: \$5.00

Windows Fund: \$130.00

Electric: \$25.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$25.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 65

# LUNCH & LEARN: SECURE ACT 2.0

## Rethinking Retirement Investments & Estate Planning for 2023 and Beyond

Congress recently passed a new bill called the SECURE Act 2.0. Please join us to learn how this bill will affect your investments and overall retirement plan.

We will cover:

- New Distribution Rates
- New Accumulation Rules
- Revised Roth Rules
- Qualified Charitable Distribution
- Inheritance and Tax Planning
- More Highlights



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**Act** | 2.0

### Educational Workshop Details

**Date:** Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Location:**

Old Zionsville UCC  
5981 Fountain Road  
Zionsville, PA 18092

**Post Worship Lunch:**

12:15pm – 12:45pm

**Educational Workshop:**

12:45pm – 1:30pm

### Hosted by Oaktree Advisors

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#### Presenters

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