

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

June 4, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Trinity Sunday

"The richness, beauty and depths of love can only be fully experienced in a climate of complete openness, honesty and vulnerability." – Anthony Venn Brown

Prelude: "Prayer"

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Sunday School Children Presentation

Call to Worship

Leader: After Jesus' death and resurrection He called the eleven to a mountaintop in Galilee and they went.

People: Let us be attentive to the voice of Jesus and bravely go when called.

Leader: Once the eleven saw Jesus they doubted but still worshipped Him.

People: Let us forgive ourselves when we doubt, and remain open to understanding as we encounter Jesus.

Leader: As they worshiped, Jesus declared his authority and charged the eleven to GO to ALL people. He instructed them to build community with ALL people, be willing to touch ALL people, and be willing to minister to ALL people.

People: Let us bravely Go to All people especially those society often tries to ignore.

Leader: Jesus instructed the eleven to use their voice, their stories, and their authentic truth as a witness to those whom they ministered to.

People: Let us stand in authenticity empowered by the Holy Spirit as we bravely share our story to help others find the love of Jesus.

Leader: Jesus assured the eleven to remember that He would always be with them.

All: Let us bravely live, work, and GO in authenticity as we do the work of connecting people with the Love of Jesus. Let us remember that His love, peace, and hope is always with us. Amen

*Opening Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Confession)

One: Loving God, often in our quest to do the work that we are called to do we miss the mark. At times we doubt even as we worship. Sometimes in the same day that we offer gratitude for answered prayers and blessings received we think thoughts of apprehension and utter words of uncertainty concerning those same blessings. Occasionally we forget that the peace, love, hope, and joy of the Divine extends beyond the walls of our churches and the hearts of those who identify as Christians. Frequently we forget how the Divine and Jesus have moved in our own lives.

All: Help us to push through our doubt. Help us to move past our selfishness and fear of "other people." Help us to truly love our neighbors as ourselves—all of our neighbors. Please change our hearts God. Please help us to muster the bravery to put into practice the light and love of Jesus. Help us to love boldly without hesitation. All humans are worthy of experiencing the Love of Christ. Please change our hearts and minds. Please show us how to love all. We confess that we get it wrong all the time and we pray that you help us to do better.

Assurance of Pardon

Assuredly God forgives us of all of our wrongdoings— those committed consciously and unconsciously. Thank you God for your forgiveness. Let us forgive others as God continuously forgives us as we work to do better starting now. Amen

*Hymn: "Change My Heart, O God"

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Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity (Call to Offering)

God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to minister to others. As Jesus

gathered the eleven and sent them into the world to share their witness and wisdom— Christ is calling us to gather our gifts and offer them to God in worship. Let us gather our gifts and worship through our generosity.

Offertory: "Communion Meditation" Pudois

* 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.**

*Offering Dedication Prayer (unison)

We offer these gifts to the God of all people. We cheerfully give our treasure to bring love, peace, hope, joy, justice, and healing to those who are hurting. May these gifts be blessed and used to provide ministry for those who are too often forgotten in our society. Let the generosity represented here be magnified and amplified to stretch beyond our mortal thought and imagination. Amen

Choir Anthem: "Gospel Jubilee" Musser

*The Pastoral Prayer

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*Closing Hymn: "Father, I Adore You" p.191

*Benediction

One: Lord dismiss us in your light and in your love. Let us leave this worship experience stronger and wiser than we entered it.

All: Let us leave with a renewed sense of hope and healing. Let us leave this space walking and serving in authenticity understanding that our greatest witness is our truth.

One: The truth that you offer love and peace to every person as they are no matter who they are. Thank you God. Amen

*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: "Jesus Spreads His Banner Over Us" Warriner

**Please stay for the Covered Dish Lunch that will take place in the lower social hall.
All Welcome!**

Authority: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year A was written by Rev. Derek Terry is the current pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, OH and is on the leadership team of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Marvin and Barbara Kerchner.

TODAY'S ACOLYTE is McGwire Martucci.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Ruthann Mutchler.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.



TODAY after Worship, Matthew Yenser with his parents, will be selling the **world famous Scout Meat Sticks** on a table in the upper social hall. Don't forget to get your favorites!

On Saturday, June 10 join our Confirmation Class with our visit to Safe Harbor, 536 Bushkill Drive, Easton (this is a homeless shelter with educational and working requirements for men and women). We will meet at the Church at 10:30 a.m. and return to Church about 2:30 p.m. We are asking for contributions to the hamburger barbecue lunch including hamburger barbecue (we will mix all the varieties together to make a great sandwich!), potato/pasta salads, pickles and olives, rolls, fruit, dessert, crunchy things (like celery and/or carrot sticks, chips) for approximately 60 people and BINGO prizes for the residents: toiletries - hotel sizes appreciated, new socks for both men and women, new underwear, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, small tablets, pens, etc. We will eat with the residents, chat with them and play BINGO with them. See Pastor Lori if you have any questions.

Next Sunday, June 11 - after worship - we will have a **Lunch and Learn** seminar with Financial Advisors from Oaktree Advisors, LLC regarding the new Secure Act 2.0. All invited to hear about these new changes!

Sunday Brunchers will be Sunday, June 11, 2023, Noon (RSVP no later than Monday 6/5) Mercantile Club (Cash Only), 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049.
Lunch Bunch will meet Friday, June 23, 12 noon at Hamilton Family Restaurant. Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 19. These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

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 77th 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). See the June Newsletter for more information.

Summer Worship begins Sunday, July 2 at 9:30am.

The International Meeting of the UCC - General Synod will happen on June 30-July 4. Please keep all of the delegates and leaders in your prayers. Our own Kathy Latshaw will be attending as a delegate from PNEC. Daniel will be there as a visitor too.

Week of June 4-June 10, 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)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Music & Worship – Tuesday @ 7pm

Combined IT & Sound – Wednesday @ 7pm

Outlook – Thursday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Visit to Safe Harbor – meet at Church Saturday @ 10:30am

Next Sunday – 10:15am Worship, Celebrate Grads

Lunch & Learn: Secure Act 2.0 after Worship downstairs

12pm Brunch at the Merc

Total Offerings from May 28, 2023:

General Offerings: \$1,857.00

Mission: \$30.00

Windows Fund: \$160.00

Disaster Relief: \$50.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$50.00

Cemetery: \$50.00

Attendance: 45

Joyful Noise Offering for Fire Victim from
May 21: \$118.61

Total from all Churches combined:
\$350.60