

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

June 18, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is in this Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice. We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where you are on life's journey or who you are in the Kingdom of God.

One: We are here to worship!

Many: Hallelujah!

One: We are here to lift up Holy hands!

Many: Hallelujah!

One: We are the Kingdom of God!

All: Glory Hallelujah. Let us praise the name of the Lord!

Invocation

All: Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your Kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of your son Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this present world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know you and glorify your grace on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world.

One: Let all the Kindom of God shout "Victory"

Many: Over Oppression!

One: Shout "Victory"

Many: Over Injustice!

One: Shout "Victory"

Many: Through Jesus the Christ

All: Amen and Amen

*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Righteous God, we find ourselves as your hands, legs, heart and spirit here in the earth. As your children, as were your disciples, we are called to manifest a Gospel of love, justice, reconciliation and healing in the present world. But our concern for a just and egalitarian world too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for our humanity and our frailty as we dwell in your presence and seek transformation and new energy for the work of your ministry. Revive us again O Lord.

One: O Lord Revive...

Many: Our love for the Kindom!

One: O Lord Revive...

Many: Our yearning for justice!

One: O Lord Revive...

Many: Our desire for reconciliation!

One: O Lord Revive...

Many: Our need for healing!

All: Amen and Amen!

Words of Grace

One: Just as Jesus endowed his disciples, his family, with moments of rest and amazement, it is good for us, kinfolk, to bask in the glorious and loving presence of God. Fortunately, God does not condemn us when we too often choose to linger there rather than enter into difficult, tough, unfamiliar or even mundane places and spaces. But I'm so glad that with grace and compassion, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lifts, informs and propels us in the direction we should go to heal, deliver and resurrect.

One: Come Holy Spirit.

Many: Lift us!

One: Come Holy Spirit.

Many: Inform us!

One: Come Holy Spirit.

Many: Propel us!

One: Come Holy Spirit.

Many: Shower us with your Grace and Mercy!

All: Amen and Amen!

*Hymn: "Praise Ye the Triune God"

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Scriptures: Genesis 18:1-15

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." **7** Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. **9** They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." **10** Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" **13** The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' **14** Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." **15** But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

One: The Holy Spirit comes down to us as a gift of presence, compassion, and companionship. We honor and uphold the Kingdom here on earth through our stewardship; as we are called to present our lives as a living testimony of the God who has created each one of us to be unique and minister to a world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent and treasure. Let us now uphold the glory of God by the giving of our gifts in the spirit of generosity.

One: We give...

Many: To meet the needs of the Kingdom!

One: We give...

Many: Out of the generosity of our hearts!

One: We give...

Many: To further justice and peace in our world!

All: Amen and Amen.

Offertory: "Bound for My Father's Home"

Moore

* 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)

Generous God, may these gifts glorify your spirit and meet the needs of your Kindom. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "How Great Thou Art"

Hine

*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: "Freely, Freely"

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*Benediction

One: May the glory of God transform you.

All: May the Holy Spirit revive you.

One: May you embrace difference as strength.

All: May you reach the high and low places.

One: May you spread the Good News of relationship.

All: May you be renewed and empowered to an ethic of inclusion, care, mutual support, solidarity, and unity that calls us to treat one another as family.

One: May thy Kindom come.

All: For the glory of God and the hope of the world.

One: Go in peace and Kinship to serve.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Father, We Thank Thee"

Bourgeois



Kindom: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost was written by Pastor Kevin Tindell, Pastor of Community Engagement, GATHER Church Chicago and Vice President of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the UCC.

TODAY'S GREETER is Gisela Thiel.

TODAY'S ACOLYTE is Jacob French.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

Today's loose offering will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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.

Help is needed as follows: Monday, July 3 for sorting and getting ready for next giveaway. If you would like to help that day come anytime, we will be at the Church by 10:00 a.m. Set up on Saturday, July 8 from about 10 - 12 noon, Lower Social Hall. Give Away on Monday, July 10 from 4 - 6 p.m. Give away on Saturday, July 15 from about 10 - 1 p.m. (includes clean up time) Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church.

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!

Enjoy entertainment on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** – come and hear “River of Grace” Gospel Quartet at **6:30 p.m.** **Sunday, June 25, Worship** will be at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse (7226 Schoolhouse Lane, Zionsville) at **10:30 a.m.** This will be our 77th Annual Pilgrimage combined church service with Rev. Bob Gerhart speaking. A buffet lunch will be offered (for a donation) following Worship. 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 18-June 24, 2023:

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

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

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon at Hamilton Family Restaurant

“River of Grace” – Saturday beginning at 6:30pm at Dillingersville School House

Next Sunday, June 25 – No Worship at Old Zionsville UCC

10:30am Worship at Dillingersville School House

7226 School House Lane, Zionsville

Total Offerings from June 11, 2023:

General Offerings: \$2,465.50

Mission: \$20.00

Windows Fund: \$175.00

Communion: \$25.00

Building Repair: \$60.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$50.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 61