



**possible, and hard. Hold us accountable to the gospel. Hold us accountable to our claim and commitment to follow you. Hold us accountable to your will. Help us to receive your grace and liberate us from shame in order to embrace accountability as a loving act of community.**

#### Words of Grace

Beloved, accountability from God is rooted in love, hope, and mercy. Know that your past actions and attitudes do not define your present nor limit your future. Through God's grace, you can grow, learn, and thrive.

\*Hymn of Grace: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" p.11

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14 p.55

Reflection: "Remember, Restore, Renew"

#### Choir Anthem

#### Invitation to Generosity

Romans 13:10 tells us, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law." Sharing of our time, talent, and treasure manifests our love in the world. Let us give generously to the ministry of this church from an abundance of love of God, neighbor, and self.

Offertory: "O Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind" Bach

#### \* 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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, thank you for the gifts you give and allowing us to be gift givers as well. May our generous offerings bear fruit to nurture our community, our neighbors, and all creation. Amen.**

#### The Pastoral Prayer

The Service of Holy Communion p. 9  
(Confirmation Class is invited to the Altar to commune together)

\*Closing Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" p.33

#### \*Benediction

May we go from this gathering strengthened in love, encouraged by hope, pursuing and speaking God's peace, and being good news in the world.

\*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: "Go Forth with Joy"

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**Accountability: Service Prayers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by the Richards-Brown Family in memory of Jack, Elizabeth and Doris Brown.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Maynard and Barbara Dreas in honor of the Birthdays of their son, Jeff; grandsons, Dan and Tristan.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Peter Yeakel.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jane Bedell.

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.

**ATF Room Giveaway help is needed** on Monday, September 11, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church. The ATF Room also **needs** clean bubble wrap and brown wrapping paper (no newspapers) for wrapping fragile items. If you have any to spare, or receive packages in the mail with packing, please bring to church and put on bench marked ATF outside of Pastor Lori's office. They could also use gift tags and tape. They always need **NEW** items for men and boys. And if anyone has a sturdy clothing rack they are not using anymore, ATF can use it. Thank you!

**Do you enjoy eating Sausage Sandwiches?** The Outlook Committee will be making Sausage sandwiches in October!! Deadline to order will be September 24, 2023. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church.



**Window Fund** - The sixth and final handmade quilt will be auctioned off at the Basket Bazaar on November 11. Tickets will be available throughout the fall for purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. See Pastor Lori, Ruth Stansfield, Beth Massa or call the church office to purchase your tickets. Proceeds will benefit the windows fund.

The 2024 Windows Matching Gift Challenge is underway. Six challengers have pledged to match your donations of up to \$5,000 through the end of November. A successful challenge will keep Phase 3 moving forward and will bring us closer to the project's completion.



GriefShare has begun meeting on Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our downstairs Social Room. They will continue to meet each Tuesday until the 13th session on November 21, 2023. You are welcome to join in anytime, but please register with Pastor Lori so we can have enough books on hand.

**Sunday Brunch** – the next Sunday Brunch will be held after Worship on Sunday, September 24 at Topton Rod and Gun Club. Sign up today!



**Lunch Bunch** will meet at 12 noon at Perkins on Lehigh Street on Friday, September 29, 2023. Sign up in church or let Linda and Mark know if you are planning to come by the Monday before.

These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

Please join us in Worship **Next Sunday, September 17, 2023** as our **Confirmands** take vows of their own to affirm the faith that their parents and families have been instilling in them for years. Now it becomes their responsibility to continue to grow as Children of God and members of Old Zionsville UCC.

**Third Sunday Treats** will be available at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday, September 17. We are looking for someone or a group of people to **help** serve Third Sunday Treats when Jack and Wendy can't make it. On the job training available. You would need to arrive at church around 9:30 a.m. to get things ready to go. Thanks for prayerfully considering this ministry. The Sunday School children look forward to this every month. See Pastor Lori for details.

**Youth Group!!** Youth Group will be meeting again on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The topic this month will be "How can you believe in Heaven and Hell?" Please join us!!

We will be offering a **New Member Class** on Sundays, November 5 and November 12 at 9:00 a.m. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the church, please invite them to join us during both class times. If they wish to join, we will talk about it during the classes. We will meet in the Upper Social Hall.

**Committee Chairs** please have your Reports in the office no later than Sunday, October 15, 2023 for our Annual Report. Information to include should be from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Reports will be handed out at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Thank you!

See Angela Stahler, our Social Media person in charge of Live Streaming, to get your shopping pass for **Boscov Days Friends Helping Friends event on Wednesday, October 18 (in store only). One day only. 8 AM to 11 PM.....The Pass donation is \$5 each** and the proceeds will go to the church where Angela works, Grace United Church of Christ in Allentown. The benefit for YOU is awesome. This one day pass gives you 25% off lowest sale prices at Boscov's. (exclusions apply) Plus you can register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card.

**Monday, October 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** you can pick up your pre-ordered **Chicken Dinners** at Concordia Lutheran Church, 2623 Brookside Road, Macungie. Get your tickets from Cub Scout Corbin Trexler while at church or by calling the church office. The cost is \$14.00 per meal, checks made payable to Ashley Trexler or Cub Pack 431. **Orders must be in by September 20, 2023.**

## **Week of September 10-16, 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 Giveaway – Monday from 4-6pm

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

GriefShare – Tuesday @ 1pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm

Music & Worship – Tuesday @ 7pm

Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir Practice – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
9:00am Confirmation Class  
10:15am Worship

## **Total Offerings from September 3, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$1,924.80

Communion: \$25.00

Mission: \$20.00

Electric: \$25.00

Window Fund: \$420.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$50.00

Attendance: 46