

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

September 24, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
“Made Equal”

Prelude: “All My Life”

Carmichael

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

One: Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

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**Many: This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell
the next generation of the Holy One’s magnificent and mighty acts.**

One: Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

**Many: We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness,
and holy love of our God. Praise the Holy One!**

Invocation (unison)

**Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope.
You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of
life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our
attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal
your will and display your glory among your people as we worship
your holy name. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

p.139

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes
on scarcity.

**Many: Help us to know that you have given us enough for our
journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive**

us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are enough. God loves you as you are for who you are. We, collectively, have enough and may share in a common life where all may flourish and live in harmony as our Creator intended and designed. You are forgiven and free to embrace the life that is uniquely yours. Amen.

*Hymn: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" p.101

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15 p.59

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Philippians 1:2 encourages us to "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel." May we live generous lives that reflect the fullness of the gospel, unity of the spirit, and faith in our God and God's church.

Offertory: "Bound for the Promised Land" Mickleson

* 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)

Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kingdom. Amen.

Choir Anthem

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" p.586

*Benediction

May the love of God assure you, the hope of God guide you, and the peace of God sustain you as you go receiving and extending God's grace in the world.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Triumphal March"

Denton



Made Equal: Service Prayers for the Seventeenth 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 Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of MaryAnn's mother, Mary Harry.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of MaryAnn's father, John Harry.

TODAY'S GREETER is Ruth Stansfield.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Jan Strobel.

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.

The ATF Room **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!

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 2023 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.

Sunday Brunch – TODAY after Worship at Topton Rod and Gun Club.

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 Monday, September 25.



Supper Club – Our next Supper Club will meet on Friday, October 13, 2023, 6 p.m. at Washington Grille and Pub, 1063 PA-100, Bechtelsville. Please sign up with Linda or Mark by Monday, October 9th.

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

Youth Group!! Youth Group will be meeting again on Friday, September 29th 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.**

Week of September 24-30, 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 Practice – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon at Perkins

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8 p.m.

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Communion Worship

Total Offerings from September 17, 2023:

General Offerings: \$858.00

Communion: \$5.00

Mission: \$30.00

Electric: \$25.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$87.00

Window Fund: \$175.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$15.00

Attendance: 80