

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

October 1, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

World Communion Sunday
“Going Ahead in God’s Leading”

Prelude: “O Bread of Life from Heaven”

Isaac

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 149)

One: We gather as God’s people to celebrate the beauty of our diversity.

All: Let us love each other as God loves us beautifully and wonderfully made in God’s image.

One: We give thanks for who we are, Beloved of God.

All: Let us open our hearts to God’s spirit of love and unity.

One: We celebrate the gifts of all gathered here today.

All: Let us worship God with all we are and celebrate the beauty of all God’s creation.

Invocation (unison)

Lord, open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us freely share your love with all your creation. We give thanks for beautifying your creation and for making a diverse world. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all. We thank you, O Lord, for allowing us to grow in our welcome and learn about other cultures as we share your amazing grace and love with each other and the world. Amen!

*Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

p.90

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, we confess we have been dishonest in our walk with you. We have not treated others with respect and acceptance and have not cared for the least of these as you have called us to do. We

acknowledge that too many times, we have taken the effortless way to our benevolence and have mistreated those in need and with judgment. We ask your forgiveness for all we have done that is not pleasing to you, Oh Lord. We ask your mercy on us. Amen!

Moment of Silence

(Each person can take this moment to confess those things to God; they need to surrender to God privately.)

Words of Grace

Jesus has already paid for your transgressions, and we are free because Jesus Christ, our Savior, has made His grace accessible to us. People of God, your sins are forgiven. Amen!

*Hymn of Grace: "Trust and Obey" p.571

Scripture: Exodus 17 p.60

Reflection

Call to Offering

God, we open our hearts to give generous of the abundant blessings we have received from you. All that we have comes from you; therefore, we give our offerings and tithes in gratitude for all you have done for us.

Offertory: "Communion Medley" 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 (unison)

Holy One, we ask that you bless these offerings and tithes so they can multiply to be a blessing for our community, our mission, and worldwide. Accept our offerings and tithes, O God, as a testimony of your goodness in our lives. Amen!

Choir Anthem: "Around His Table" Hunnicutt

The Pastoral Prayer

One: Lord in your Mercy

All: Hear our prayers

* The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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.

World Wide Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

May our receiving of Christ's body and blood into every fiber of our being transform us more fully into the hands and feet of Christ this day as we participate in the healing of the world and every body and soul within it. May we depart from this table strengthened to be vessels of God's Spirit – proclaiming Christ as the source of our ultimate hope, peace, and unity as we go forth into the world. May God's saving work be incarnated in our witness so that others may be invited to find their place at the welcome table as well. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" insert

*Benediction

One: God's love surrounds you,

All: Jesus, peace engulfs you.

One: And the Holy Spirit accompany you,

All: As you go forth into the World,

One: to love and serve all God's people. 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven



Going Ahead in God's Leading: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Celebrating Communion Sunday and Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month) was written by the Rev. Persida Rivera-Mendez, retired UCC pastor.

We thank the Miller family for preparing Holy Communion for our church family today.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETINS are in memory of Paulette & Bill Shankweiler and Darlene & Bob Schmeltzle, Sr. from Arlene Scheirer, Paul Shankweiler and Family.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Cheryl and McGwire Martucci.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Mark Weaver.

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.

Special Consistory Meeting after church today.

ATF Room help is needed for Mondays, October 2, 16, 23 and 30 for sorting and storing. If you would like to help come anytime, we will be at the Church by 10:00 a.m. ATF could use gift tags and tape. They always need **NEW** items for men and boys. They are still looking for a sturdy clothing rack. Thank you! If you know anyone that could use a Wedding Gown, ATF has a very pretty one, brand new with tags still on, size 14. See Millie.

Window Fund - The sixth and final handmade quilt will be raffled 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.

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. **Sunday Brunch** will be on Sunday, October 22 after Worship at the Merc in Emmaus. Sign up by Sunday, October 15th. And the next **Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, October 27th, 6 p.m. at The New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Ave, Pennsburg. Please sign up by Monday, October 23rd. These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

Third Sunday Treats - 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.

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 October 1-7, 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

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

Total Offerings from September 24, 2023:

General Offerings: \$1,847.00	Window Fund: \$90.00
Mission: \$115.00	Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00
Heat: \$25.00	Cemetery: \$0
Attendance: 46	