

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
**5981 Fountain Road, P.O. Box 215**  
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 8, 2023

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**“Producing Fruit”**

Prelude:     “His Name Medley”

Leatherman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: We come from the East, the West, the South, and the North into this sacred space to worship the living God who walks with us.

**People: O, God, we worship you for who you are, for loving and granting us your grace.**

One: We lift our hands in praise to you and open our hearts to worship you in the fullness of who we are.

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God with joyful and thankful hearts. Amen!**

Invocation (unison)

**Jesus, we ask that You bless our time together, that we may hear Your words and apply them to our lives so that You will be honored and glorified. Allow your Holy Spirit to move through us so our faith grows and bears fruit. Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn:     “This Is the Day”

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Lord Jesus, we bow before you to confess that we are sinners and need forgiveness.

**Many: We have failed you and your people many times and have neglected to do your will and love our neighbor as ourselves. We seek your wisdom and ask that your Holy Spirit create a pure heart that moves us to do what is right. We ask that your love overflow**

**in us so we can live out our faith as a new creation to serve you and your people. Help us to strive towards a more just and kinder world for all. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen!**

Words of Grace (Ephesians 2:8 NIV)

People of God, "for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—"Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Spirit Song" p.384

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,12-20 p.63

Message

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

Invitation to Generosity

We are invited to share our blessings generously with our church, community, and world. By sharing our gifts freely, God will be honored and glorified in our giving. So, let's give with joy in our hearts from our abundant blessings so that others may be blessed.

Offertory: "Exaltation Medley" Leatherman

\* 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 for the Offering (unison)

**Lord Jesus, we give thanks for each gift given. Bless them and multiply them so that others will be blessed, and your love will be shared worldwide. Amen!**

Choir Anthem: "Jesus Shall Reign" Hutton

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: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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\*Benediction

One: Go forth to harvest fruit that impacts the world.

**Many: Go forth with God's love to share with all.**

One: Go forth with the peace of Jesus Christ and

**Many: With the communion and the Holy Spirit to be the transformative agents you are being called to be. Amen!**

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Majesty"

Hayford



*"Producing Fruit,"* Order of worship for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8, 2023, continuing to Celebrate Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month, was written by the Rev. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez, retired UCC pastor.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Larry Stahler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Wendy Yeakel.

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 help is needed for Mondays, October 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.

Social and Aid is presently taking orders for **Pepper Pot Soup** and **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Order forms can be found at the entrances. Pick up will be on Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. during the Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction. Completed order forms must be received by Sunday, October 29. They may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday or order by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. You may also email your orders to the church office at [ozuccoffice@ptd.net](mailto:ozuccoffice@ptd.net). Proceeds will be split between our General Fund and Cemetery.

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

**Third Sunday Treats – Next Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in downstairs Social Room.** 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.

The next **Youth Group** meeting, for all ages will be on Oct. 20, Friday night from 6 - 8 p.m. at the lower social hall at Old Zionsville UCC. We had a blast this past Friday playing Blind Man's Bluff and corn hole plus discussing heaven and hell as well as ways to deepen our relationship with God. Of course there were plentiful amounts of snacks and Gatorade. All Welcome!

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!

**Harvest Home** will be celebrated in Worship on Sunday, October 22, 2023. If you have any fresh food like apples/pumpkins/gourds etc. that you would like to contribute to the display please have them in the building by Thursday, October 19. If you have lots of food, please speak with Nancy Civitts (610-966-3386) or Carolyn Rhoads (610-737-0904). Thank you! We will be leaving the decorations up for two Sundays so you will be able to enjoy our Harvest Home display on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> also.

November is the month to celebrate our **Veterans**. Our Music and Worship Committee decided on a new way to celebrate the Veteran. This year we invite you to submit the names of Veterans for a power point list we will create. A form to fill out is included with the bulletin. You may drop the completed form in the offering plate.

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 8-14, 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

Property – Monday @ 7pm

GriefShare – Tuesday @ 1pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm

Outlook – Thursday @ 7pm

Choir Practice – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Supper Club – Friday @ 6pm @ Washington Grille & Pub

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

### **Total Offerings from October 1, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$2,691.00

Mission: \$35.00

Communion: \$48.00

Electric: \$25.00

Window Fund: \$275.00

Food Pantry: \$15.00

Building Repair: \$60.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$15.00

Cemetery: \$85.00

## **Veterans Recognition Sunday – November 5, 2023**

Submitter's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone in case we need to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service/War Involvement if any: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death if applicable and available: \_\_\_\_\_