

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 15, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Have I Done My Best for Jesus?"

Storrs

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 106)

One: Let's thank the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People: God's love endures forever.

One: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare God's praise?

People: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Our God is worthy of our Praise!

One: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people that we may enjoy your blessings.

All: Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love and abundant grace. Amen!

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord Jesus, we gather to worship you today with hearts full of joy and appreciation for the beauty of your diversity and extravagant welcome. We invite your Holy Spirit to this space to celebrate your goodness and presence in our gathering time together. Prepare our hearts to receive what you have for us today. Amen!

*Opening Hymn: "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

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Words of Confession

One: We ask your forgiveness, O Lord, for not being truthful in acknowledging that we have failed you and those you entrusted in our care.

People: We know that we have a long way to go, O Lord, we ask that you open our hearts to be receptive to your Holy Spirit.

Leader: We ask you to transform our hearts within so that we will be renewed in our commitment to be the beloved community you are calling us to be.

Moment of Silence....

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

One: Hear our prayers for forgiveness, O Lord, that we may know your mercy and compassion. Amen!

Words of Grace

One: God demonstrated his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Beloved in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*Hymn: "De Colores" (Sing of Colors) insert

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9 p.1024

Message: These things: whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things

Invitation to Generosity

All we have comes from you, O Lord. So, we give our offerings and tithes with generous hearts in thanksgiving for all you do for us. May these gifts given today offer hope in proclaiming and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior with all the world.

Offertory: "Follow, I Will Follow Thee" Brown

* 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)

Take our offerings and tithes, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the least of these needs and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. Amen!

Choir Anthem: "The Beatitudes" Marsh

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: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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*Benediction

May the Love of the Creator sustain you!

May the peace of Jesus flow through you!

May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill you with grace!

And give you the courage to share the good news! Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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"Filled from the Streets" Order of worship for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15, 2023, continuing to Celebrate Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month, was written by the Rev. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez, retired UCC pastor.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Carlton Dreas from his wife, Emily.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are from Chris Schell in memory of his parents, Ruth-Ann and Carl Schell on their Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Patricia Kuebler in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Mike and Diane Berger.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Civitts.

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. 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. Proceeds will be split between our General Fund and Cemetery.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 11th** this year. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger if you would like to reserve a space. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale. Also, we could really use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 10) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl. Thank you.

Supper Club – Sunday Brunch will be **next** Sunday, October 22 after Worship at the Merc in Emmaus. Sign up by **Today**. 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. And the next **Supper Club** will be Friday, November 3 at Spinnerstown Hotel, 2195 Spinnerstown Rd, Quakertown. These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

The next **Youth Group** meeting, for all ages will be on Friday, October 20, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the lower social hall at Old Zionsville UCC. 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 – Reports for our Annual Report are due TODAY.

Harvest Home will be celebrated in Worship next 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 or Carolyn Rhoads. 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 29th 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. Forms are due by Sunday, October 29. 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. Pass donation is \$5.**

Zionsville Area Food Pantry – This year instead of asking each church to supply a specific item for pre bagging Thanksgiving Dinners, the Food Pantry is asking for donations of any Thanksgiving Dinner related items. This way they will be able to select what they need. Suggested Items: Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Green Beans, Corn Casserole Ingredients, Cornbread Mix, Dessert Items. All items must be to the Church by **November 1, 2023**. Items the Food Pantry are in short supply for November giveaway include: Tuna, Cereal, Dinner Soups, Pasta Sauce
Thank you for your continued support.

Week of October 15-21, 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

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir Practice – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Worship, Harvest Home

Dedication Sunday

Brunch at the Merc after Worship

Total Offerings from October 8, 2023: (All loose offering today will go into our

General Offerings: \$1,748.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Mission: \$20.00

Heat: \$25.00

Window Fund: \$207.00

Food Pantry: \$15.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$35.00

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: _____

Please return to Church by October 29, 2023.