

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 22, 2023

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Dedication Sunday and Harvest Home**

Prelude: "Bless This Earth"

Calkins

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Exodus 33:12-23)

One: Let us worship the Holy One who forms us as a people, a community,  
and a world!

**Many: God knows our name and looks upon us with pleasure.**

One: Let us hear, see, and know the ways of the Lord.

**Many: God reveals Godself to us in magnificent and gentle ways.**

One: Let us proclaim the glory, goodness, and graciousness of our Great God!

**Many: God is worthy to be praised!**

Invocation (unison)

**Revealing God, you show us the way of life, lead us with love, and  
move us to compassion. May our hearts be transformed by your Spirit  
and by your Truth. Let our actions and attitudes demonstrate your  
kindom. May justice and peace be our hope. Let repair, restoration,  
and reconciliation be our aim. Make your presence among us known.  
Let us prepare to receive it. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

p.797

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous One, forgive us for all the ways our hearts have been  
hardened.

**Many: Forgive us for every time we chose to reflect the ways,  
attitudes, and values of this world rather than your kindom.**

**Forgive us for turning away from the brokenness of our world  
when it becomes too uncomfortable.**

One: Forgive us for being timid when you empower us to be bold, for being resigned when you have created us to be resolute, for being complicit when you have charged us to be transformative.

**Many: Help us to walk in your image and your path of righteousness, courageousness, and loving kindness. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, remember that you do not walk this journey alone. The Comforter and Advocate accompanies you and equips you for the ministry of abundant love that shows up, speaks up, and acts up in the name of Jesus. Know that your life and your witness make a difference. God is faithful to forgive and enables us to do the impossible and be the unimaginable.

\*Hymn: "We Are So Blessed" p.795

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 p.1029

Reflection

Dedication of Updates/Gifts/Changes in our Church  
during the past three years (see insert)

Invitation to Generosity

Psalm 96:3 exhorts us to "Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples." Let us glorify God through generous living and faithful use of the resources entrusted to our care. Let us marvel at the Creator's provision by affirming that we have more than enough to share for the benefit and care of our community, world, and God's church.

Offertory: "Thank You, Lord" Burgess

\* 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)

**Generous God, we thank you for the gifts we receive and for the gifts we give. May they serve to make your kingdom come and your will be done. Magnify their impact so that you may be glorified and your name be praised. 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: "Bringing in the Sheaves" insert

\*Benediction

One: May truth gentle your heart.

**Many: May truth find itself in your speech.**

One: May truth guide your actions and attitudes.

**Many: May truth release you to be fully you.**

One: May truth compel you to greater love and compassion.

**Many: May truth fortify you as you go into the world as God's agent of healing and hope.**

One: Live in truth, go in peace, Be love. In the name of Jesus the Christ.

\*Three Fold Amen

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Father, We Thank Thee" Bourgeois



**Truth: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First 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 in memory of Howard Lilly from his wife, Paula.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in loving memory of Bill Stahler

commemorating his Birthday given by Larry and Angela Stahler.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Paula Lilly in honor of her children.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Robin Yoder.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Millie Kohler.

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 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**. Orders forms can be found at the entrances and in your pew. 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 **NEXT** 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 11<sup>th</sup>** this year. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger (610-967-5930) 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** is TODAY after Worship at the Merc in Emmaus. 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>. 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!

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.

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.

**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.

**Saturday, November 4** – All are welcome to attend the PNEC Fall Meeting at Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Rd, Leighton on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Find out what is happening in Pennsylvania with the Keystone Conference. Be Part! If interested in registering please see Pastor Lori.

**Week of October 22-28, 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  
Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Choir Practice – Thursday @ 7:30pm  
Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon – Pennsburg Diner

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship, All Saints Day  
Soup and Sandwich Orders Due

**Total Offerings from October 15, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$2,724.00  
Mission: \$105.00  
Communion: \$5.00  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$51.00  
Window Fund: \$567.00  
Building Repair: \$15.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  
Cemetery: \$10.00

## **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.**

# Dedication of Gifts to the Church

October 2, 2020-October 22, 2023

We give thanks to God for:

- AED upgrades and First Aid Kits upgrades, our thanks to Linda and Mark Weaver
- Faucets in the kitchen replaced/upgraded by Lee Hoch
- Upper social hall clock repair gifted by Dolly Kichline in memory of Bob Kichline
- The Streaming desk gifted by Peter Yeakel and the renovation by Dan Latshaw
- The cabinetry in the lower social hall for the sound system made and gifted by Dan Latshaw
- Painting of the church building exterior doors gifted in Memory of Julia Yeakel
- The front door Awning gifted by Outlook Committee in Memory of Bob and Darlene Schmeltzle
- The \$1,500 donation to the Windows from our Social and Aid Committee
- The \$500 donation from Social and Aid Committee to purchase the Folding Machine for our Church Office
- The work of our staff during Covid 19 to keep our building and our congregation up and running during that time
- In this time period, the Village School closed for good, after 40 years of service to the community, due to Covid and other reasons, they graciously gave financial support to the Windows to the Future campaign in memory of Bob Benner
- Our ATF workers and helpers for keeping that program growing and giving and the many people along the way who trucked items to the Lutheran Church for our giveaways
- Our Consistory for their hard work in tackling many issues through the past few years; we updated a section of the constitution, we updated all staff job descriptions, developed a personnel handbook, and we survived Covid-19 as a Congregation due to the careful guidance of their decision making
- Moved the water filtration system from parsonage to boiler room in church
- Update Parsonage as needs arise
- Restoration of the Carriage House masonry work completed
- Scout room was renovated by our Scouts with the oversight of the Property Committee
- We began conducting Fire Drills for the Sunday School and Church
- Our Tech Team for constantly making improvements and adjustments. We thank Mark Weaver, Bobby Schmeltzle, Dan Latshaw, Richard Shoemaker and others who helped along the way
- Added 4<sup>th</sup> Camera to the Security System above the door at the Ramp
- UPS Power Backup Unit installed for the Internet Distribution and Security Systems
- Streaming Equipment (Camera, Computer, Monitors, Sound Adapter, and Software) installed and testing began March 2022
- Live Streaming of Sunday Services began using the new equipment (April 2022)
- Sound System Rear Speakers upgraded
- Service Electric Internet Service upgraded to support the Streaming of the Services
- 55 inch TV donated by Diane and Mike Berger to be used in the Lower Social Hall
- Sound PC Hard Drive Upgraded to Solid State
- Wireless Microphones replaced to avoid FCC violation of frequencies
- 55 inch TV installed in Lower Social Hall for the purpose of slide presentation and DVD videos (especially for GriefShare!)

- Donated PC installed in the back office for use by the Media Coordinators and the IT Administrator
- Leftover Speakers from those replaced in the Sanctuary were installed in the Lower Social Hall along with equipment to complete the sound system in that area
- A PC donated by Gisela Thiel was installed in the Lower Social Hall to be used for Slide Presentations
- Office and Finance PCs had Hard Drive Upgrades to Solid State
- Complete Assistive Listening System was purchased by an anonymous donor and installed in the Sanctuary
- Headphones gifted by friends of the church for use with the Assistive Listening System
- Auxiliary Speakers installed in the Narthex and Nursery
- 2 new wired microphones purchased and installed in the Sanctuary in anticipation of the return of the Bell Choir
- The Congregation for believing in the Social Media Coordinator positions to allow our church to go into the Internet world and stream our worship services, share our information on the updated web site, weekly/daily posts on the church Facebook page, worship services can be seen live and later at any time
- The dedication of our Social Media Coordinators, Beth Massa and Angela Stahler, working above and beyond to make our services interesting and vital
- Our church members for all that work that goes on behind the scenes to make this a vibrant place with lots of love and giving
- Our Food Pantry donation basket is rarely empty thanks to all of those who give
- Our FUN group for consistently challenging us to give beyond our walls
- Our Sunday School teachers who so willingly give of themselves each week to teach our youngest ones
- Susan Jacobs for her commitment of 50 years of teaching in our Sunday School!
- Our Membership and Evangelism committee who faithfully schedules Brunch, Lunch and Dinner groups for fellowship strengthening our church family
- Our Windows to the Future campaign continues to support the improvement and restoration of the beautiful stained glass windows
- Our Altar Guild has made some changes in personnel so long standing members could pass on their knowledge and take a break
- Bibles donated by an anonymous donor to give to our Confirmands on Confirmation Sunday.

AND all of the other things that we do as God's Church here in Old Zionsville.

- Remember the broken "telephone pole" on the corner of our property?

Every area of our church family has been touched by these awesome gifts and we thank everyone for working together to keep our church strong and vital in these tumultuous days.

Thanks Be to God for all of these and more amazing gifts given to the Church this year. Amen.