

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

May 5, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "Remembrance of Thee"

Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Christ gives us a new commandment:

Many: "Love one another as I have loved you."

One: When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

Many: We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

One: Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Many: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

Invocation (unison)

Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

p.793

Prayer of Transformation and New Life (unison)

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts. Amen.

Words of Grace

One: Jesus no longer calls us servants, but friends. Each relationship is a new opportunity to abide in Christ's love, and a reminder that we can start again.

Many: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" p.517

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17 p.939

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last. Fruit that will bring love and justice. Joy and hope. Bring what you can; together, the gifts we offer can transform lives.

Offertory: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Baker

* Presentation of 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)

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion p.11

*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 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "O How I Love Jesus" p.92

*Benediction

Friends of God, as you leave this place, remember that God has chosen you to share the love you've found with a world of need. Go bear fruit that will last. Let your joyful hearts be signs of hope in these anxious times. Amen.

*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: "The Solid Rock"

Bradbury



Chosen and Appointed: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC's Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Angela and Larry Stahler in loving memory of Father, Michael Sr. and Brother, Michael Jr.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Todd and Jen Goudsward in memory of Merle and Carl Lorish.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Cheryl and McGwire Martucci.

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.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, May 6 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please remember to not block the chair path when leaving donations in the stairway. Please call Millie with any questions. **Help** is needed for the next Giveaway on Monday, May 13 between 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 18 between 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection - We are once again collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. This year our collection dates will be from Sunday, May 5 through Sunday, June 9.

Wooden Crosses – We are selling wooden crosses for the Cemetery, in your garden at home or to hang on the wall. These are beautifully made and decorated. See samples after Worship or pick one up for Memorial Day. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.

The FUN Group is collecting **FULL & TRAVEL SIZE size toiletries** for The Lehigh Conference of Churches Project Toiletry until May 12. The full size toiletries help individuals and families throughout Pathways housing services. Travel size toiletries are used by the people that utilize showers at the drop-in center. A collection box is located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office. **Listings of toiletries needed can be found in both entrances of the Church.**



GriefShare is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This nationally acclaimed course consists of 13 weeks of meetings for support offered to people who have lost loved ones.

Each session includes a video to offer thoughts and ideas to learn about. There is a workbook which is helpful for each participant to have to follow along, take notes of the video, and then do some homework before the next session. There is also time to share and support each other through grief. There is no cost for the sessions, but the fee for the workbook is \$15 or whatever you can afford. We meet in the handicap accessible, air conditioned lower social hall. To register for these sessions, or ask questions, you can contact The Rev. Lori Esslinger at MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. The course concludes July 24, 2024.

Our Social and Aid Committee will be offering **Beef Pies** along with **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** for the month of May. **Orders must be received TODAY.** Pick up will be on Thursday, May 23 between 3-5:30 p.m. in the downstairs social room. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the church. All proceeds are split between the General Fund and the Cemetery Association. Thank you for your continued support.

Sunday Brunchers will meet after Worship at the Mercantile Club on Sunday, May 19th. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 14th. And **Lunch Bunch** will be going to Powderbourne Sportsman's Club, 2071 Baus Road, East Greenville on Friday, May 31st at 12 noon. Please RSVP for this by Tuesday, May 27th. All welcome!!

Celebrate history at the **Dillingersville Schoolhouse** located at 7226 Schoolhouse Lane, Zionsville. Informal worship begins at **10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2024** under a big tent on the grounds, rain or shine. This service is open to all and especially those who enjoy the outdoors and being in nature. Tours of

the schoolhouse are available. We are engaging the Heidelberg Brass Band to offer their Polka Service during our Worship Service. Invite your friends and family to join us for a lively morning worship with extra music after the service to lead us into our home-made lunch and bake sale offered for donation. This is a great day to learn about local history, the beginnings of education in this area, and to spend some time in the outdoors. Parking is available on site. Questions? Call 610-966-3601.

Week of May 5, 2024:

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)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Ascension Day Potluck – Thursday @ 5:30pm at Upper Milford Mennonite
Church

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

ATF Set Up – Saturday @ 10am

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Mother's Day Worship

We will celebrate the women who are here with us.

Who is the oldest mother? The youngest mother?

Come and find out! or bring your family to help with this challenge.

Total Offerings from April 28:

General Offerings: \$1,568.00

Window Fund: \$112.00

Mission: \$15.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$30.00

Cemetery: \$565.00

Attendance: 47