

**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

May 12, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**“Fulfilled”**

Prelude:        “Prayer”

Schirrmann

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

**All: We give God all our praises.**

One: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God’s promises.

**All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.**

One: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

**All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.**

One: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

Invocation (unison)

**Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.**

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

p.90

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ.

**All: Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved**

**and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all. Strengthen us to do better and to become better together in our relationship with you and all of creation. Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

\*Hymn: "What a Mighty God We Serve" p.672

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53 p.920

Reflection

Celebration of Mothers and All Women

Invitation to Generosity

One: From the abundance of God's generosity, all are invited to offer a portion of our gifts.

**All: We offer these offerings to Christ's church.**

One: Remembering the great love that Christ has for all people,

**All: We give these gifts to further spread the love of Christ in the world.**

One: Blessing those who gave, and those unable to give.

**All: We receive joy in this moment of giving.**

One: May these offerings help fulfill our hope to be Christ's love and light in the world.

Offertory: "When There's Love at Home" McNaughton

\* Presentation of the Offering 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)

**Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. 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 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: "The Solid Rock"

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\*Benediction

Let us pray this prayer that can be sung in a round afterward, "Go, now in peace. May the love of God surround you, everywhere you may go." Amen and Asè (pronounced "ah-shay" – Swahili for Amen)

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Postlude in G"

Peterson



*Fulfilled: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday of Easter* was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Jeff and Cheryl Dreas in honor of Family.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Paul and Robin Yoder in honor of their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and celebration of Nate, Jen, Austin & Christie.

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

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Pat Sajkowicz.

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 Giveaway will be tomorrow, Monday, May 13 from 4-6:00pm. and on Saturday, May 18 from 10am-12pm. 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.

Please see the flyer handed to you today by our Greeters. We are taking a special offering for **Friends of Penn Northeast Conference**.

**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. We will be collecting through Sunday, June 9. Please place your items in the box outside of Pastor's Office.

**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. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. See samples after Worship or pick one up for Memorial Day. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.

**TODAY** is the last day for our **FULL & TRAVEL SIZE size toiletries** collection for The Lehigh Conference of Churches Project Toiletry. 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.



**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](mailto:MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com) or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. The course concludes July 24, 2024.

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

**Attention Soon-to-be Grads!** Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name

and the name of the school in next month's newsletter. We would love to hear any future plans you would like to share with your church family also. You may call the church office or send us an email. **We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 9. A special gift will be given to those who send us their graduation information by May 26** 😊

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 12, 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 Giveaway – Monday @ 4-6pm  
Scouts – Monday @ 6pm  
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm  
FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm  
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm  
ATF Giveaway – Saturday @ 10am-12pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
9:45am Third Sunday Treats  
10:15am Worship, Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red  
Sunday Brunchers meet at the Merc after Worship

**Total Offerings from May 5:**

General Offerings: \$2,208.00  
Window Fund: \$160.00  
Communion: \$24.00  
Mission: \$30.00  
Utilities: \$20.00  
Building Repair: \$70.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$15.00  
Cemetery: \$0  
Attendance: 46