

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 2, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Sabbath

Prelude: "Look Down On Us" Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Psalm 139:1-5, 14 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

Leader: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

People: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

Sunday School Children will sing for the Glory of God as we celebrate the last day of Sunday School

Invocation (unison)

We are called to "observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us." Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Revive Us Again"

p.434

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. (Allow a short moment of silence.) Dear God, the creator of all things based on love.

People: You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Scripture tells us "Light will shine out of darkness," and though we may be "afflicted in every way, we are not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair" and when we turn to God for blessed grace; grace is always granted. Amen.

*Hymn of Grace: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" p.355

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6 p.869

Reflection

Celebrating Five Years of ATF

Invitation to Generosity

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

Offertory: "Just As I Am" Bradbury

* 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)

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

In the United Church of Christ, we practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...God's table. You don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the sharing of the bread and drink of the vine.

We remember, the night before Jesus would be betrayed and crucified, that he sat among his friends and took bread, blessed, and broke it, and said "Take and eat for this is my body given for you. As often as you do it do it in remembrance of me".

After the supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

My friends, whenever we share this bread and cup, we remember the compassion and love Jesus taught and the call to follow Christ in all we do.

*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

(We wait to partake together. White grape juice and purple wine is available. Gluten free wafers are available too.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and justice to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul"

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*Benediction

Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed in this Sabbath day with the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us. Go in peace, sharing the Good News. 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: "Triumphal March"

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**Sabbath: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost** was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Henry & MaryAnn Heil in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of their daughter, Marianne & Shawn Alliston.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of husband, Albert Steiner from Blanche Steiner and Family.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are in memory of Francis and his parents, Dorothy & Henry Hartman from BettyLou and family.

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

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Alyson Miller.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

**Thank you** to the Miller Family for preparing our Communion for today.



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, June 3 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.

**Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection** – Next Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day to bring in your peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. Thank you to all!!!

**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. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.



**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.

**Supper Club** will be meeting at 5:30pm on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Restaurant in East Greenville. Please RSVP to Mark or Linda by Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. **All welcome!!** **Sunday Brunchers** will be meeting at the Topton Fish and Game after Worship on Sunday, June 23. And June **Lunch Bunch** will be at Hamilton Family Restaurant on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 12 noon.

**WAWA coupons for a FREE shorti hoagie** are once again being sold by the Outlook Committee. They cost **\$5 each**, benefit the church, and you can take the coupon to any Wawa, order your shorti, present your coupon at the cash register, and take away your sandwich for FREE. See me, Brenda Shoemaker, Bobby Schmeltzle or Sharon Trexler. Thanks in advance. **A great gift for Father's Day!**

Taking orders for **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches!** These are due Sunday, June 9, 2024; pick up will be Thursday, June 20, 2024 between 3-5:30 p.m. in our downstairs social room. Proceeds benefit our General Fund and Cemetery. Thank you for your support!



Looking forward to the **Dillingersville Schoolhouse Annual Celebration on Sunday June 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.** As always, we are planning a bake sale. If you would like to bring some food items to donate, please portion them out in baggies (like 3 cookies or 6 in a bag) or a nice size piece of brownie in a bag, or donate a whole pie, or let us portion it out, etc. We are grateful for your donations. Just bring them to the table at the schoolhouse (or OZ UCC in case of rain) on the morning of worship and we will take it from there. Thanks in advance for your support of the school.

This is a great day to worship our God in the outdoors under a big tent! Mark your calendars for June 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse, 7226 School House Lane, Zionsville, PA 18092. Bring your own chair or use one from the schoolhouse for a toe tapping good time with the Heidelberg Brass Band as they present their Polka Service. The service will also include a combined church choir, an offering, and a time for recognizing the oldest person, youngest person present, the farthest traveled and more! This will be followed by more music as we dance and sing our way into lunch offered for a donation: homemade chicken and/or hamburger barbecue, baked beans, macaroni salad, drinks and bake sale items for dessert! Stay a while and hang out with the band as we enjoy fellowship and tours of the schoolhouse which was built in 1885. Questions? contact us at 610-966-3601.

The Evangelism and Membership Committee would like to announce that they have tickets for the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Riverdance Show** at American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The show is at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025**. Tickets are \$59.00 each (plus a small service fee -TBD). I know this is a long way off, but I wanted to make sure we had tickets for this special event. **Please, please RSVP (email, call, text, shout, etc.) that you want tickets.** We do NOT need the payment until around the first of the New Year 2025. As always with our outings, we will arrange for carpooling once it gets closer. Also,

since this is an early afternoon show, we will probably stop for dinner after the show for those that want to partake. Stay tuned for those details later.

**Sunday, July 14** - 9:30 a.m. Worship and then immediately following worship you are welcome to bring family and friends to share in a time to hear about my trip and see the pictures I have taken and will put up on the screen. We will have time to sample the many cheeses I brought back from Amsterdam for you as well as the Stroopwafels, chocolate, and salt licorice. Actual start time is about 10:30 a.m.

**Week of June 2, 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 and Store – Monday @ 10am
- Scouts – Monday @ 6pm
- Elders – Tuesday @ 7pm
- Computer & Media – Wednesday @ 7pm
- Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm
- Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm
- Supper Club – Friday @ 5:30pm @ Carriage House

**Next Sunday** – 10:15am Worship  
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Orders Due

**Total Offerings from May 26:**

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| General Offerings: \$2006.00   | Disaster Relief Fund: \$20.00 |
| Window Fund: \$87.00           | Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  |
| Mission: \$5.00                | Cemetery: \$30.00             |
| Friends of Conference: \$20.00 |                               |

Attendance: 48