

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 9, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: Simple Gifts

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship ¹

One: From many lands, we gather as a people. With diverse homelands, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

Many: Out of many, we are one.

One: Of different ages and abilities, we gather as a people. Wearing different clothing, filling different roles, speaking many languages, singing different songs:

Many: Out of many, we are one.

One: With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as a people. Of different personality types and interests, with multiple ministries and callings:

Many: Out of many, we are one.

One: Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as a people, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

Many: Out of many, we are one.

One: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of God, come and worship, that out of many, all may be one!

Many: Come to worship our God!

*Opening Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

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¹ Rev. Audrey deCoursey is ordained in the Church of the Brethren. She has served in congregational and hospital ministry in Elgin, Illinois, and Portland, Oregon. She is currently the pastor of a new online church, the Living Stream Church of the Brethren.

Prayer of Confession² (unison)

God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries against the winds of change. God, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our own homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives. Amen.

Words of Grace

Forgiveness is the threshold. First, we look out, then we are sent out...
Thanks be to God.

Scripture: John 17:21-23⁴ (NRSVUE)

21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Sermon

Invitation to Generosity

All that I am and all that I offer, Comes from a heart both frightened and free. Take what I give now and give what I need. All done in His name.

Offertory: Simple Gifts

* 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)

**We give you thanks Loving God for these blessings we can share.
Multiply them to be used in this place and far and wide. In Jesus'
Name. Amen.**

Musical Offering by Simple Gifts

² Maren C. Tirabassi on page 123 of Before the Amen (Pilgrim Press, 2007)

Continuing Testament Litany: Rebirth³

One: Change comes Sweeping Like the winds of hurricanes Flooding waters rising high taking with them doubt fear

Many: In the midst of change my heart races my pulse a staccato beat my feet cemented fear a reckoning not to be forgotten nothing to hold on to I sink into the water I am carried on the winds

One: I am lifted carried on the highs of harsh winds tumbling into heights unknown spiraling into newness I am reborn.

Many: I am new there is a vision for this time and space I rest renewed I am in this present I am in this newness full of Spirit I am free

*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: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

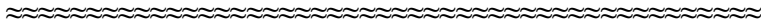
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*Benediction

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: Simple Gifts

You are welcome to chat with our guests of Simple Gifts today after the service :)



Service prepared by the United Church of Christ, Pennsylvania Conferences to be used on June 9, 2024, while the meeting of the four Conferences is happening at Penn State.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Donald and Phyllis Ritter in honor of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Cyrus Mohr in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Les and Deb Schoenberger.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Kathy Latshaw.

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

³ Karen Georgia Thompson, 22 February 2017, Lakewood, OH



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.

We give thanks for the members of our church who have participated in leading this service: Kathy Latshaw, Mark Weaver, Carolyn Rhoads, Les Schoenberger and we give thanks for our guest musicians, Simple Gifts, for their presentation. You can learn more about Simple Gifts by going to their Website: [Simple Gifts Folk and World Music](#)

Orders are due TODAY for Ham and Cheese Sandwiches. Drop your order in the offering plate. Pick up is on Thursday, June 20th between 3-5:30pm in our downstairs social room. Proceeds benefit our General Fund and Cemetery.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, June 10 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.

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. 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.

Sunday Brunchers will be meeting at the Topton Fish and Game after Worship on Sunday, June 23. **Lunch Bunch** will be at Hamilton Family Restaurant on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 12 noon. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you can make it. **Everyone is Welcome!**

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!**



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.

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.

The Evangelism and Membership Committee would like to announce that they have tickets for the **30th 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.

Week of June 9, 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
Property – Monday @ 7pm
FUN Group– Tuesday @ 7pm
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm
Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next Sunday – 10:15am Worship, Celebrating the Men in Our Lives
Loose offering will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Total Offerings from June 2:

General Offerings: \$1,490.00
Window Fund: \$185.00
Mission: \$35.00
Communion: \$20.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0
Cemetery: \$35.00

Attendance: 52