

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

June 16, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15)

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People: For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of nectar,

All: Showing that the Divine One is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Holy One.

*Opening Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life"

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Invocation (unison)

Oh God, creator of heaven and earth, who grants us life, may the seeds of wisdom from the ancient sacred texts grow within us so that we may bear good fruit that nourishes a hungry world. May

the Holy Spirit of Pentecost descend upon us this day as we give thanks to you Holy One, in Jesus's most precious name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for 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 I pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Scripture tells us that we have been shown the way to reconciliation by the Christ which is within us whenever we turn to God for guidance and strength to transform our lives for a better kin-dom here on earth. Know the peace of the Divine grace that is always there for you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Grace: "More About Jesus" p.560

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34 p.870

Reflection

Celebration of the Men in our Lives

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

*Presentation of the Offering and the Doxology

*Doxology for Today

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. 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

*Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We believe that our God sees us, feels us, and listens to us. Let us lift the celebrations and concerns of our beloved community.

Dear God, we know that you have heard our prayers and we ask that the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with us today and every day. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

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: "This Is My Father's World"

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*Benediction

Dear friends, we have been nourished and renewed this day, go out and spread the seed of God's kin—dom and love to all you encounter in the Divine name who created us, who redeems us, and who sustains us. Go in peace in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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**Seed: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the 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 Daniel and Kathy Latshaw in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 27.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of our fathers, Harvey Heil and John Harry.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Chris Schell.

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

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.

All loose offering today will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**Don't forget** to pick up your ordered Ham and Cheese Sandwiches on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> between 3-5:30pm in our downstairs social room. Proceeds benefit our General Fund and Cemetery. Thank you for your support!

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, June 17 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** are available for sale. They are being decorated for Patriotic Holidays. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. The whole decorated cross costs \$30. 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](mailto: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 next 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!**

**Dillingersville Schoolhouse Annual Celebration** – Come to hear the Heidelberg Brass Band as they provide a Polka Service for us. This entertaining and talented group will have you tapping your toes to the beat of the music as well as singing your heart out to some favorites and much loved music. 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! Don't miss it! **Sunday, June 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m.** under the big tent. (In case of rain or inclement weather Worship will be held here) The service will be followed by a barbecue sandwich lunch with sides, drinks and don't forget the bake sale. Dillingersville Schoolhouse is located at 7226 Schoolhouse Lane in Zionsville. Please consider bringing along your favorite dessert for our bake sale.

**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 **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.

### **Week of June 16, 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  
Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Pick Up Ham & Cheese Sandwiches – Thursday from 3-5:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Iron Pigs Game – Saturday @ 6:35pm @ Picnic Patio

**Next Sunday – LAST 10:15am Worship**

**Total Offerings from June 9:**

General Offerings: \$2,080.00

Window Fund: \$156.00

Mission: \$5.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 41