

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 23, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**“Faith”**

Prelude:        “Bless This Earth”

Calkins

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.**

Leader: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

**People: For there God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore.**

Invocation (unison)

**Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen our faith in the teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God’s realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:        “Jesus Shall Reign”

p.375

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

"Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak" in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Grace: "I Will Serve Thee" p.660

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41 p.871

#### Reflection

#### 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: "It Is Well With My Soul" Bliss

#### \*Presentation of our 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.**

#### Choir Anthem

#### \*The Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Dear God, you call us to be in "peace and be still". 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: "Be Strong in the Lord" p.734

\*Benediction

Dear Friends as we go out into the world and when a storm brews in life, remember to be in "Peace and be still" knowing that God's presence never leaves us. Be the light of peace to a world which seeks it in the Name of God who created, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Praise and Exaltation"

Smith



**Faith: Service Prayers for the Fifth 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 Larry and Angela Stahler celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Nancy Weitzel.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jane Bedell.

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, June 24 at 10:00am. The next Giveaway will be Monday, July 8 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 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.

**Dillingersville Schoolhouse Annual Celebration – NEXT SUNDAY** - Come 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.

**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 **Today**. **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. This is the last Lunch Bunch till September. **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 Pastor Lori or Brenda Shoemaker. Thanks in advance.

**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 23, 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

Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12pm @ Hamilton Family Restaurant

**Next Sunday** – 10:30am Worship at Dillingersville Schoolhouse under the Big Tent

**Joint Choir Rehearsals for Dillingersville Service** on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> will be on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary.  
Anyone is welcome to sing!!

**Sunday, July 7 – Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.**

**Total Offerings from June 16:**

General Offerings: \$2,033.00

Window Fund: \$230.00

Mission: \$15.00

Communion: \$10.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$69.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$10.00