

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

July 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

“Deeds of Power”

Prelude: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Jackson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 48)

One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

Many: The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths of God’s love.

One: We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator’s majesty!

Many: God’s name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and recount from generation to generation!

Many: Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!

Invocation (unison)

Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Faith of Our Fathers”

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us.

All: We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.

Words of Grace

Power-filled beloved, the Holy One is with you and fuels your journey. God grants you power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in the kingdom. You have power to make things new in your heart, in your neighborhood, and in your community. Receive the grace to try even when your way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily. God is with you and will be with you.

*Hymn of Grace: "If My People Will Pray" p.803

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:1-13 p.872

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

In 1 Corinthians 12:9, the Apostle Paul writes, "but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." Generosity does not measure the resources we have. Rather, it notes the capacity we have to give from the abundance we have received and the trust we place in God's generosity to renew the gifts we bring. Let us give generously to meet the needs that confront our community and to demonstrate the power of our collective faithfulness.

Offertory: "God Bless Our Land" Scriveyner

* 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)

Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet needs. Amen.

Special Music

The Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

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*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.)

*Closing Hymn: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

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*Benediction

May the power of God increase to saturate you.

May the power of God ignite a new vision in you.

May the power of God inspire you to follow the way of Jesus in the world.

God in peace and in power to love God and neighbor.

*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: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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Deeds of Power: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs in Memory of Laura Jacobs and Charles A. Jacobs, Sr.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Mina Reinhard in loving memory of Gene and Timothy Reinhard.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Gisela Thiel.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Nancy Civitts.

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) Giveaway is tomorrow, 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.

**Join Us Next 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.

**Thank You** - Thank you to everyone who brought peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A good amount of assorted peanut butter and jelly was collected.



**School Supplies** - During the month of **July**, FUN Group will once again collect back-to-school supplies. Please bring your contribution to Church by **Sunday, July 28**. The supplies will be distributed to Jefferson Elementary School in the Allentown School District. ***Look for the collection bin at the beginning of July.***

**They would greatly appreciate:**

Hand sanitizer  
Clorox wipes  
Tissues

Other suggested items are:

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| Back Packs       | Crayons         |
| Spiral Notebooks | Pencils #2      |
| Subject folders  | Colored Pencils |
| Markers          | Erasers         |

**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.



Our current GriefShare class continues until July 24. We will be starting another class in the fall. The name will be different and we will be cutting the weeks down from 13 but we will announce that when more information is solidified. It will contain some of the same great videos that offer helpful healing information. More details on the new class soon.

**Supper Club and Lunch Bunch** will be taking a break over the summer months but **Sunday Brunchers** will still be meeting after worship. Please join in on **Sunday, July 21, 2024** at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St, Emmaus. (Cash Only) Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, July 16. **All are Welcome!!!!**



### **Week of July 7, 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 from 4-6pm  
Scouts – Monday @ 6pm  
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm  
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm  
ATF Giveaway – Saturday from 10am-12pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:30 Worship, Slide show following Worship

### **Total Offerings from Dillingersville:**

General Offerings: \$845.00  
Window Fund: \$40.00  
Mission: \$15.00  
Utilities: \$50.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0  
Cemetery: \$50.00  
Attendance: 104