

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Organist

July 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
“Lawful, Righteous, Holy”

Prelude: “Massa Dear” (From The New World Symphony) Antonin Dvorak

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 85:8-13)

One: Let us turn our hearts to hear from the Holy One!

Many: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace.

One: Let us turn our hearts to gain insight from the Holy One!

Many: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

One: Let us turn our hearts to receive from the Holy One!

Many: Righteousness will go before them, and will make a path for their steps.

Invocation (unison)

God Among Us, your ways are perfect and your laws are just. We gather today in your name and for your kingdom. May it come wherever and whenever two or more gather in your name. May our hearts open and our understanding expand with the vision of righteousness. May our worship please you, transform us, and bear witness to your love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

p.630

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous God, you have created us in your image to reflect your holiness.

All: You have affirmed the goodness within us. We struggle to be the people you call us to be. You have given us the guidance of the Law and the wisdom of the Prophets and the gift of your Presence. Still, we struggle against the pull to go our own direction without your counsel. We fail to extend the grace and compassion you give to us. Be merciful in your judgment while holding us accountable for your justice as we strive to live the fullness of life in you. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you were not made to be perfect; you were created to be good. In hope, we affirm that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Lean into the power of God to do the work that we cannot, to meet us at our point of need, and to lead us into the path of new life.

Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" p.553

Scripture: Mark 6:14-29 p.872

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

God has planted generosity within our beings. The gifts we receive are not for holding and creating idols, they are for the work of the kingdom, the building of beloved community, and manifesting God's abundance so that all may be well and whole.

Offertory: "I'll Walk with God" Nicholas Brodzky

*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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts of life and living. We give thanks by bringing our resources to community, to be shared and used for your kingdom, in our ministry, and for the world we inhabit. Bless and facilitate our generosity beyond our imagination. Amen.

Special Music

*The Pastoral Prayer...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: "For the Beauty of the Earth" p.793

*Benediction

Be assured of the Holy One's abiding love for you and all creation. Hold fast to hope and share the blessing of the Spirit's direction, Christ's presence, and the Sustainer's peace.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" Preston Keys

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**Lawful, Righteous, Holy: Service Prayers for the Eighth 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.

**We thank Beth Eck for providing our Worship music today!  
Thank you very much Beth!**


**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kunkel in honor of their 16<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 19.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are in memory of Ezra Hoch from Lee and Susan Hoch and family.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Ruth Stansfield.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Wendy Yeakel.

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.

**Stay after Worship TODAY** to hear about Pastor Lori's trip to Amsterdam and see her pictures. Sample the many cheeses she brought back for you as well as the Stroopwafels, chocolate, and salt licorice.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) thanks everyone for their help in our last Giveaway. The next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, July 15 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please do not block the chair path when leaving donations in the stairway. Any questions, call Millie with any questions.

**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 outside Pastor's Office.**

**They would greatly appreciate:**

Hand sanitizer

Clorox wipes

Tissues

**Other suggested items are:**

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 **Next 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 14, 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 & Store – Monday @ 10am  
Scouts – Monday @ 6pm  
Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:30 Worship, all loose offering will go to our Pastor's  
Discretionary Fund  
Brunch after Worship at the Merc

**Total Offerings from July 7:**

General Offerings: \$2,404.00  
Window Fund: \$235.00  
Mission: \$30.00  
Utilities: \$30.00  
Building Repair: \$70.00  
Communion: \$23.00  
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$25.00  
Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 32