

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

July 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
“Coming and Going”

Prelude: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Nageli

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 89)

One: Holy One is with us. God’s hand remains with us.

Many: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: Holy Love keeps their covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

Many: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

Many: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

Invocation (unison)

Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

p.68

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being.

All: We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your

love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you do not journey alone. In community with the Holy One and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship. In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us, faithful to redeem, and affirms our rest and renewal.

*Hymn: "Holy Ground" p.138

Scripture: Mark 6:30-34; 53-56 p.873

Reflection

Special Music

Invitation to Generosity

A faithful life reflects a spirit of generosity born from trusting God who provides and replenishes our resources. God's creation is abundant so that all needs will be met when we share the gifts we have been given. Let our giving reflect our gratitude and commitment to beloved community.

Offertory: "Missionary Hymn" Mason

*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)

Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.

*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: "Peace like a River" p.750

*Benediction

In your coming and going, may you encounter Jesus on the journey.
In your coming and going, may you touch the source of power and healing.
In your coming and going, may you find rest.
Come and go in peace.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength"

Hughes



Coming and Going: Service Prayers for the Ninth 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 Chester Yeakel in memory of his wife, Martha.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are in memory of Emily Dreas from Pat Sajkowicz.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Millie Kohler.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

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



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 Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, July 22 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.

This is our last week for **GriefShare**. 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.

School Supplies - During the month of **July**, FUN Group will once again collect back-to-school supplies. Please bring your contribution to Church by **Next**

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.

Mark Your Calendars for:

August 4 – 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship
August 18 – 12:00-8:00 p.m. Vera Cruz Homecoming
September 1 – Last 9:30 a.m. Worship
September 8 – Back to Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Communion Worship at 10:15 a.m.
September 29 – 3:00 p.m. Window Dedication Service

Week of July 21, 2024:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on **Thursday from Noon-4pm.**
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
Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Next Sunday – 9:30 Worship

Total Offerings from July 14:

General Offerings: \$1,348.00
Window Fund: \$32.00
Mission: \$35.00
ATF: \$5.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$50.00
Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 45