

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

July 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**“Gathering Fragments”**

Prelude:           “Freely, Freely”

Owens

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 145:10-18)

One: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

**Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

**Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

**Many: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.**

Invocation (unison)

**Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:   “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

p.169

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Creator God, we confess that we fail to recognize the bounty around us.

**Many: We are not satisfied; we never have enough. We consider what we have received and what we have generated, and label is too little rather than sufficient. We need to cultivate our imagination and our faith to observe abundance and opportunity rather than scarcity and deficiency. Help us to comprehend that, in your kingdom, the fragments you gather are more than enough**

## Words of Grace

Beloved, you are enough. God's grace, strength, love, and hope meet you with sufficiency. Through the Holy One's sustaining power, we can gather the fragments that make our lives beautiful and God's kingdom real in the world.

\*Hymn: "Great Is the Lord" p.140

Scripture: John 6:1-21 p.927

## Reflection

## Special Music

## Invitation to Generosity

Generosity encourages us to consider what we have to share beyond our own use. May we exhibit the generosity of the young person found in the gospel narrative that shared their lunch when Philip surveyed the crowd of thousands. The miracle starts with that act of sharing and faith.

Offertory: "A Perfect Heart" McGuire

## \*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)

**Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kingdom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. 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: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" p.21

\*Benediction (Inspired by Ephesians 3:16-21)

May you, according to the riches of God's glory, the presence of Christ, and by power of the Spirit, be strengthened in your inner being, be rooted and grounded in love, and be filled with the fullness of God. To the Holy One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

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**Gathering Fragments: Service Prayers for the Tenth 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 in memory of Anna Benner from Linda Benner.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Larry Stahler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Lee Hoch.

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 Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, July 29 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.

**School Supplies – Today is the last Day.** Please put your school supplies in the collection bin outside Pastor's Office. Thank you to all who donated. The supplies will be distributed to Jefferson Elementary School in the Allentown School District.

**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 28, 2024:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 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

**Next Sunday** – 9:30 Communion Worship

## **Total Offerings from July 21:**

General Offerings: \$4,422.00

Window Fund: \$92.00

Mission: \$145.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$25.00

Utilities: \$40.00

Communion: \$10.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 38