

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

August 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Communion Medley"

Mickleson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 51)

One: The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

Many: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom.

Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

One: We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

Many: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom.

Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

One: Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

Many: O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom.

Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.

Invocation (unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for your presence among us. In the chaos of our lives, you provide calm, healing, and sanctuary. Inspire us to be transformed as you immerse us in your everlasting love and relentless presence. Your Spirit fills the atmosphere as we gather in your name from pew to park and from sanctuary to sofa. Open our receptivity to your word and enflame our imagination of and participation in your kingdom on earth. May it be so. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

p.101

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Redeemer, forgive us. We confess our complicity with the systems of this world that hurt and harm your children and your creation.

All: We confess our complacency with the status quo, incrementalism when

urgency is required, and the claim that nothing ever changes. We confess our comfort holds more influence over us than your command that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.

Words of Grace

Redeemed, the Sovereign God has given you power and freedom to live as full citizens of the kingdom of God. Receive the grace to do your best for today trusting that the Spirit will guide you to your best for tomorrow. The past has no power to keep you from new life in the present and abundant life in the future. Claim your redemption and, in gratitude, the new life gifted to you in Christ.

*Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have" p.666

Scripture: Daniel – Chapter 1 – selected verses p.761

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

The gifts of God bless us, and the invitation of God is to share those blessings with generosity, gratitude, trust, and love. Let us give of our time, talent, and treasure from the abundance of God's provision to us.

Offertory: "Communion Prayer" Riggs

*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, thank you for these gifts and the privilege of giving. Increase our collective resources that we might serve your kingdom and bring honor to your name. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

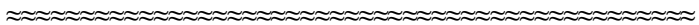
Service of Holy Communion p.11

*Closing Hymn: "You Are My All in All" p.583

*Benediction

Go, in the assurance that you are redeemed.
Go, with compassion, courage, and conviction that a beloved community is possible and waits on your participation.
Go, in peace and hope, knowing that God is with us. Amen.

*Postlude: "Postlude in G" Peterson



For Mercy: Service Prayers for the Eleventh 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 Joyce Nishnic.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Richard and Brenda Shoemaker in memory of
loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETER is Robin Yoder.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

We Thank the Trexler Family for preparing our Communion trays for today.

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, August 5th 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.

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.

Brunch this month will be Sunday, August 18 after Worship. Join in at the Merc in Emmaus (cash only). See Linda or Mark to sign up.

All are welcome to come to **GriefCare** at Old Zionsville UCC. This 9 week course will offer videos to guide our healing, discussion time to allow for growth through your grief, and Bible learning to support all in the program. We will begin meeting on Thursday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting Aug. 29 in the air conditioned lower level of Old Zionsville UCC. Enter the building from the small parking lot on Fountain Road and use either the chair lift door or the office entrance door. Go down the stairs. You may park in that lot as well. For the first week, if you don't have time to eat your evening supper, bring it along to nibble as we share together. More information to follow for upcoming weeks. We will conclude our sessions on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Please contact Pastor Lori to register. There is room for all.

Mark Your Calendars for:

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.

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches orders are due
(watch for order forms)

September 29 – 3:00 p.m. Window Dedication Service

Week of August 4, 2024:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 10am-3pm.
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Brenda will be on vacation this week.

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Next Sunday – 9:30 Worship

Total Offerings from July 28:

General Offerings: \$1,025.00

Window Fund: \$32.00

Mission: \$15.00

Building Repair Fund: \$40.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$110.00

Cemetery: \$40.00

Attendance: 39