

WELCOME TO
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Organist

August 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
“Wisdom Quest”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God’s Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

People: How can we discover such wisdom?

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God’s will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

People: God fills us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs! We have come praise with music from our hearts.

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

All: Praise the Lord! Learn of God’s compassion and mercy. Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

p.225

Invitation to Confession

As Jesus gathers us together in his presence, let us turn now to name and confess the many ways we so often deny or overlook that what we need that comes only from beyond our imaginations and knowledge.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear

your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ.

Words of Grace and Mercy

In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew, unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past. Continue to feast on the living bread which is given to us each day. Give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

*Hymn: "God Will Make a Way" p.704

Scripture: Daniel, Chapter 2 p.761

Reflection

Call to Offering

Come and share what you have for the Lord today. Our gifts and tithes will be multiplied to meet the needs of this place and our community.

Offertory

*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 (unison)

We give you thanks Loving God, for the opportunity to worship you and share our gifts. Help us to listen for your guidance in the way we use these gifts to meet the needs that You see in ourselves, our community, and our world. 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: "Rise Up, O Church of God" p.433

*Commissioning

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon All who seek to follow God's will. When called to lead, do so with humility and

confidence in God. Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence. Share compassion with all whom you encounter. Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do.

*Benediction

And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be our support, guidance and Strength from this day forward and for ever more. Amen.

*Postlude

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**Wisdom Quest: Service Prayers for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost** was written by the Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Paula Lilly in memory of Troy.  
**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Paula Lilly in memory of her parents.  
**TODAY'S GREETER** is Diane Berger.  
**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Pat Sajkowicz.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 next 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.  
Orders due for Ham & Cheese Sandwiches  
(watch for order forms)
- September 29 – 3:00 p.m. Window Dedication Service

**Week of August 11, 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
- Property – Monday @ 7pm
- FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm
- Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:30 Worship, Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
Brunch at the Merc