

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

August 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 84)

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Many: We long to be in your beautiful assembly. Our hearts sing for joy!

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Many: You keep the sparrow and the spring. You sustain the splendor of creation.

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Many: In you, we go from strength to strength. You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise our God!

Invocation (unison)

Lovely God, you abide with us. We acknowledge your presence among us with peace, trust, and thanksgiving. It is good to be with you. It is good to be with one another. Fill us with your Spirit and revel in our worship. May this time give you honor and fortify us as your people, your ambassadors, and your agents of love and hope in the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

p.63

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious and Holy God, speak to us.

Many: So often our prayer time is consumed by our words...when what we need most is your gentle nudges and your bold challenge. Let us hear from you. As you continue to speak, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom, correction, and confirmation. Transform us for your glory, for our hope, and for the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving

in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time. God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

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

Scripture: Daniel 4 p.764

Reflection

Call to the Offering

Ephesians 6 encourages us to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand." (vv. 10-11) Let us stand against the powers of evil that would create barriers to our compassion and generosity to meeting the needs of our community. Let us stand against the powers that would convince us that we lack time to love and serve God with the talents, skills, and passions endowed to us by Creator. Let us stand in solidarity and perseverance with the Living God who gives generously, lovingly, and abundantly.

Offertory: "The God of Abraham Praise" Lyon

*Presentation of the Offering 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)

Strong and Giving God, receive our gifts of time, talent, and financial resources for the building of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. May we give with a spirit of courage, trust, and empathy. May our faithful stewardship receive confirmation through changed lives and renewed communities for your glory. 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: "Take the Name of Jesus with You" p.235

*Benediction

Go in peace, holding onto steadfast hope in a God who does good things, Who calls us as ambassadors and witnesses to the kingdom, Who sustains and supplies us, Whose work is done through our hands, our voice, and our lives, And who remains with us now and forever. Amen.

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



For Confirmation: Service Prayers for the Fourteenth 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 and Joseph Benner from
Linda Benner.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Randy and Sharon Trexler.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.

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.

Ham and Cheese Sandwich orders are now being taken. September brings back these delicious sandwiches from our Social and Aid Committee. Orders are **due on Sunday, September 8th**; pick up will be on Thursday, September 19 in our downstairs social room from 3pm until 5:30pm. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church. Thank you for your support.

All Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, August 26th at 10:00am. The next Giveaway will be Monday, September 9 from 4-6pm and Saturday from 10am-12pm. 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.

Supper Club will be Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Alburdis Tavern, 106 S. Main St., Alburdis. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Friday, August 30. **September Sunday Brunchers** will be after Worship on Sunday, September 15 at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St., Emmaus. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 10. **Lunch Bunch** is planned for Friday, September 27, 12 noon at Perkins, 3400 Lehigh St., Allentown. RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 24. All are welcome!

On Wednesday, September 18 in our lower social hall we will be showing **"The Chosen, Season 2"** beginning at 1:00 p.m. Snacks included! Please join us every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. through Wednesday, October 30.

Mark Your Calendars for:

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 25, 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
Music & Worship Committee – Tuesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday – Last 9:30 Worship

Total Offerings from August 18:

General Offerings: \$2,413.00
Window Fund: \$182.00
Mission: \$5.00
Communion: \$25.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$25.00
Utilities: \$20.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00
Cemetery: \$50.00