

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

September 22, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Fellowship Medley"

Leatherman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 54)

One: Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence of the Sovereign God.

Many: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and redeems, listens and responds.

Many: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

Many: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

Invocation

Good God, make yourself known among us. We lift our voices in song, our hearts in prayer, our minds in consideration, our lives in adoration toward you. We acknowledge that your Spirit leads, comforts, and challenges us as we follow you. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

p.3

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy Love, we confess that too often we become fixated with our position in the world.

Many: We love the exercise of our own power and exert it over others rather for the benefit of the common good and your kingdom.

Transform our hearts to crave you as the source of our power and love the only good and fulfilling demonstration of it. Make us your instruments of peace, joy, and hope in the world and agents of new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Image bearers of the divine, grace and mercy follow you in anticipation of your repentance. Turn toward the ways of justice and righteousness. Let Wisdom guide you and Holy Love use you for the glory of God and the blessing of our neighbors in humanity and in creation.

*Hymn: "We Are an Offering" p.678

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 p.877

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Like the words of Psalm 54:6, we proclaim: "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, Holy One, for it is good." Let us give with the generosity of love made real, available, and free.

Offertory: "God and God Alone" McHugh

*Presentation of 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)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the gifts we receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for your kingdom. May they be a blessing and gift in our extended community and the world. Amen.

Choir Anthem

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: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" p.602

*Benediction

May you go into the world renewed and refreshed
With humble and expectant peace
To witness to the love of God
The joy of the community of faith
And the hope of new life in Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "No Other Name But Jesus"

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**Position: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth 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 Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of MaryAnn's mother, Mary Harry.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of MaryAnn's father, John Harry.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are John and Nancy Civitts.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Les Schoenberger.

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.



**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!

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, September 23<sup>rd</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.



Final plans are underway for the **Dedication of the Windows on September 29 at 3 p.m.** Be sure to join us for this exciting celebration.

The **2024 Matching Gift Challenge** benefiting the Windows Fund is underway. Your donations through November 24 will be doubled up to \$5,000. Thank you to this year's four challengers for their generous gifts and to the congregation for your continued support of the restoration of the windows.

On Wednesday, September 25 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.

**Youth Group** will meet on Friday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. All young people are invited to participate. There is something for everyone at Youth Group! Questions? Speak with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller. If you would like to serve as a leader, speak with Pastor Lori. We could use one more leader at this time. Thanks in advance. See you all in there!

**Wooden Crosses** are available for sale. 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.

**Third Sunday Treats** is moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday starting in October. Join us in the lower social hall on October 13 for treats and drinks at 9:45am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Sometimes we meet after Worship too! Check it out!

**With the cooler weather brings Soup.** Our Social and Aid Committee is taking orders for Pepper Pot Soup and Ham and Cheese Sandwiches. Order forms can be found in your bulletin and at entrances to the Church. Orders are due Sunday, October 6. Proceeds will be divided between the Cemetery Association and our general fund. Thank you for helping with this fundraiser.

**Harvest Home** will be displayed during Worship on Sundays, October 20 **and** October 27.

**All Saints Day** is Sunday, October 27 at our 10:15am Worship.

**Phoebe Allentown's 25th Annual Basket Social** on September 26 and 27. Please help spread the word! The event will be open to the public and will take place at 1925 West Turner Street in Allentown. This annual event raises funds for their Community Life Program, which provides daily activities that keep their residents active, engaged, and in good spirits. These activities include visits from miniature therapy goats, musical performances, arts and crafts projects, recreational programs, holiday celebrations, and technology platforms to help residents get involved in games and connect with loved ones. Thanks to our generous supporters, the 2023 Basket Social featured 101 baskets and raised \$12,333 to support Community Life activities.

## **Week of September 22, 2024:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesdays from 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

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12pm @ Perkins

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Worship

**3:00pm Window Dedication Service**

## **Total Offerings from September 8:**

General Offerings: \$2,851.00

Window Fund: \$732.00

Mission: \$180.00

Utilities: \$20.00

Communion: \$25.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$49.00

Alzheimer's Association: \$137.69

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 47