

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

September 29, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Belonging**

Prelude:            "I Surrender All"

Weeden

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship    (Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**Many: For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**Many: For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

**Many: For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter; however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!**

Invocation (unison)

**Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight. May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of the kingdom in your name this day and everyday. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:    "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair.

**Many: We have confused seeking the common good with controlling our neighbor. We have conflated unity with uniformity. We have cosigned on societal norms that divide, segregate, and exclude rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging. Amen.**

## Words of Grace

Wonderfully and fearfully made humans, you are not bound by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of your past. Even our embedded biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to the kingdom and the kingdom belongs to you. Press forward with the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all.

\*Hymn: "He Giveth More Grace" p.707

Scripture: Mark 9:38-50 p.877

## Reflection

## Invitation to Generosity

James 5:16b reminds us that, "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation's abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Offertory: "Meditation" Blake

## \*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)

**Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. 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: "Lord, Speak to Me"

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\*Benediction

May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you.

May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you.

May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to community beckons you.

Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and one another in hope and joy.  
Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Postlude in G"

Peterson

***Be sure to come back to church this afternoon for the Window Dedication Service! 3 p.m. with refreshments afterward.***



***Belonging: Service Prayers for the Nineteenth 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 GREETER** is Kathy Latshaw.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jane Bedell.

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.



Please note, the big Parking Lot across the street will not be available for parking next week while it is being resealed and repaired.

**Supper Club** is planned for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at Limeport Inn, 1505 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg. Brunch will be Sunday, October 20, 2024 after

Worship at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St, Emmaus. Lunch Bunch will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 12 noon at Chestnut Ridge at Rodale, 400 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Emmaus. Swimming after lunch. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark. All are welcome!

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, October 7th 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.



The **2024 Matching Gift Challenge** of \$5,000 is underway and has raised \$1,335.00 through September 22. Your continued support will result in another successful challenge, raising \$10,000 for the windows and bringing us closer to completion of the project. 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.

**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 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. You may bring items for Harvest Home and place on the pew outside of Pastor Lori's office. Mark them Harvest Home please.

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

**Calling all musicians!** The Zionsville Ministerium is planning a gathering **Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** called "A Cornucopia of Thanks." The event will be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church on King's Highway, Zionsville. We are inviting local musicians to come and share their talents as we gather to support the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A free-will donation will be taken. Zion's brand new Allen organ will be revealed to the community. Pies and desserts will be served afterwards. Come and participate or just come and enjoy the beautiful music making and dessert!

**Wooden Crosses** are available for sale. You **can order attachments** to place on your cross for **fall holidays and the Christmas** season. Please order now so Rich can have the supplies to provide you with beautiful attachments. You can let Pastor Lori know or speak with Rich any Sunday. Attachments are \$15 each. Proceeds go to support the Gas line project. A new whole decorated cross costs \$30. See me, Lisa Talecki or Rich Yeakel for more details.

**HELP!** Is anyone or any family willing to help with an ongoing ministry in our church? It requires **a total of about an hour a month** on the **Communion Sunday** of worship. You can select just one month to help or several months to help. Maybe you would like to do this in memory of a loved one? Or do it for service hours needed for Scouts or school. Anyone can do it and instructions and on the job training are included. Thanks for considering to enrich the life of our church!

Angela Stahler is selling, for a donation of \$5 each, **Shopping Passes for Boscov's**. One day only, Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The discount is 25% off lowest sale price and 15% off some merchandise and 10% off other merchandise. Details are on the flyer you get when you give Angela \$5. The coupon can be used online and in store. There is also a drawing for a \$100 Boscov's gift card. The \$5 "cost" for the ticket is a donation that will go to Grace United Church of Christ in Allentown where Angela works. Help support our sister church and get some great deals on early Christmas Shopping! Please see Angela today or you can email or call her.

## **Week of September 29, 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

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

10:15am Worship, World Wide Communion Sunday

**Soup and Sandwich Orders Due**

## **Total Offerings from September 22:**

General Offerings: \$1,548.00

Window Fund: \$112.00

Mission: \$15.00

Utilities: \$30.00

Disaster Relief: \$40.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$60.00