

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 20, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

## Harvest Home

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 104)

One: Today we gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who both ascends above our condition and descends to meet us in the midst of them.

**Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.**

One: We are humbled and grateful that the Majestic God knows our names and seeks our presence.

**Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.**

One: We raise our spirits as one body, strengthening, fortifying, and encouraging one another as we honor The Holy One's glorious and precious name.

**Many: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.**

Invocation (unison)

**Magnificent God, you are worthy of our praise, reverence, and honor. You come to us, and you come for us. Your embrace saves us from the condemnation of this world. Your tangible example leads us on a path to disrupt the sinful systems of oppression that keep your creation from life abundantly. Your presence assures us that your covenant is everlasting and true. With thanksgiving and awe, we worship you. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1,2,3) p.33

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Liberating God, break us free from all the ways this world enslaves and ensnares your people.

**Many: May our hearts be infused with your compassion. May our works be filled with your generosity. May our lives be testaments that new life in freedom, in love, and in you are possible. Transform us by your Spirit each day to be the part of you the world needs from us. We trust in your mercy and grace to make room and empower us to make it so. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, even now, the Holy One supplies the means to rewrite your story. God will strengthen you in your weakness, direct you in your uncertainty, and encourage you in your weariness. God has formed you, sustains you, and will be with you through it all.

\*Hymn: "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled" p.805  
*(David will play through once before we sing)*

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 p.878

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

The invitation to give is a gift not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously, we demonstrate our faith in God's generosity, provision, and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbor.

Offertory: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Bish

\*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)

**Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives. May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. 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: "The Servant Song" (vs. 1,2,3,4)

p.424

\*Benediction

Go in the freedom of new life in Christ.

Go in the liberty that transcends the ways of the world.

Go in the hope, power, and peace of the good news. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "A New Name in Glory"

Miles



**Ransom for Many: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second 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 from Paula Lilly in memory of her husband, Howard.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in loving memory of Bill Stahler commemorating his Birthday given by Larry and Angela Stahler.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN** is sponsored by Paula Lilly in honor of her children.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Lee and Susan Hoch.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Nancy Weitzel.

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.



**We thank Carolyn Rhoads and Nancy Civitts for creating the beautiful Harvest Home display.**

**Sunday Brunchers** will be **TODAY** after Worship at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St, Emmaus. **Lunch Bunch** this month 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!

**Light in the Night** will be **TODAY** from 4-6pm at the Township Building. Please let Pastor Lori know if you are willing to offer some assistance by running a game, leading a craft or helping in the kitchen. This is a great event for local families to have a safe and Happy Halloween experience together.

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, October 21 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. **Help** is needed for the next **Giveaway** on **Monday, November 11** between **4-6 p.m.** and on **Saturday, November 16** between **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** This will be our Christmas Giveaway. For many years, civic groups and churches supported the pantry children by buying gifts. When the pandemic hit, these same groups provided gift cards. Last year we had very little financial support and needed to purchase nearly all of the gift cards. With the loss of support and the increase in food costs, the Pantry board voted to discontinue the gift program and focus on more food needs. With this change, **ATF** is anticipating their clients will be looking for more gifts specifically for children. If you would like to continue supporting the pantry children, please consider purchasing **NEW** toys or games for the younger children or **NEW** items suitable for teenagers. A **Wish List** has been created on Amazon. All donations (**UNWRAPPED**) need to be delivered to the ATF team on or before **NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** since they will be serving their clients for Christmas in November and not seeing them again until January. Re-gifting a new gift is also welcomed. Any questions, call or text Millie Kohler.



During September and October, \$3,809 has been received toward the \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge. The challenge will run through the end of November, so let's keep the momentum going!

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. this year. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our Bake Sale. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 8) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you can help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl.

**As Thanksgiving is approaching, the Food Pantry is looking for participating churches to contribute appropriate items to the client's meal.** Rather than packing a bag to share with all the usual standards, we are again providing the clients with a choice. Like last year, we will have a table full of all sorts of foods. With this approach, no specific requests are being made of each church. When you shop, feel free to select anything that might be included in a Thanksgiving meal. (some shopping ideas: stuffing mix, gravy, vegetables, pumpkin, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, biscuit mix, bread mix,

cookie mix, or anything) Please shop and bring your contributions to church by **NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Any questions, call or text Robin Yoder 610-428-1884

**TODAY** is the last day to get your **Shopping Passes for Boscov's** for a donation of \$5.00. 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. Please see Angela Stahler to get yours.

**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!

*The following **Prayer** comes from our National Offices of the United Church of Christ.*

*We have been encouraged to pray it every day during these 40 days before the election. Perhaps you want to cut this out and place it where you will see it each morning.*

**Our scriptures challenge us to love our neighbors as ourselves. To love our neighbors, we need to see and understand them as they really are. Creator God, inspire us all to see the goodness in our neighbors, whoever has their vote. Amen.**

### **Week of October 20, 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

Property – Monday @ 7pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

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

10:15am Worship, Harvest Home & All Saints Day

**Total Offerings from October 13:**

General Offerings: \$1763.00

Window Fund: \$722.00

Mission: \$265.00

Communion: \$10.00

Disaster Relief (Hurricane): \$1,000.00

Utilities: \$60.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$45.00

Cemetery: \$30.00

Attendance: 46