

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

November 3, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“You Shall Love”

Prelude: “O Lord, Most Holy”

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

Many: Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.

One: Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

Many: Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.

One: Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

Many: The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation.

Praise God!

Invocation (unison)

Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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(verses 1, 2, & 3)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous One, write your commandments on our hearts...not as a list of do's and don'ts but

Many: as a vision of the people who can be, the lives we may live, and the world we may create. Write liberation of the oppressed, care and wholeness of those with unmet needs, and revelation and understanding to those oblivious to the truth. Emblazon your law of love in our hearts, on our lips, and in our journey. Transform us with your love so that we may reflect your love toward our neighbor and toward ourselves. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are loved, and you have power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you. Amen.

*Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" p.185

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34 p.881

Reflection

Video from the National Office of the UCC - current and former General Ministers and Presidents of the Denomination Make a Statement

Invitation to Generosity

The call to generosity is a charge to love with our resources in material ways. When we give from our abundance, we express our gratitude to God our Provider, we assert our trust in God our Sustainer, and we affirm our communal commitments to God our Creator. Let us give from love in action and in energy, in spirit and in truth, in hope and in expectation that the kingdom comes when we choose to live it.

Offertory: "Prayer" Smart

*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)

Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer

The Service of Holy Communion

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*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (verses 1,2,4)

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*Benediction

When love reigns, the world will change.
Be the love that the world needs
For the kindom to become our beloved realm.
Go, in the assurance that the God of Love, Who is Love, is with you.

*Sung Benediction

The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore, We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us Together and He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: Hear Now, the Heavens Rejoicing"

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**You Shall Love: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth 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 Blanche Steiner in honor of her family.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are from Craig and Linda Schell in memory of Carl Schell's Birthday.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Dan and Kathy Latshaw in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Cheryl and McGwire Martucci.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jan Strobel.

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.

**Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Main Street Pub in Bally. **Sunday Brunchers** is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at the Merc in Emmaus (cash only), after Worship. **Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, November 22, 12 noon at the Bally Family Diner (formerly known as the Pied Piper) in Bally. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark. **All are welcome!**

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, November 4 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.



As of October 27th, \$4,367 has been contributed to this year's \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge. We are excited to announce that another anonymous challenger has come forward to add \$1,000 to the challenge. Five weeks remain to meet the new goal of \$6,000. We have successfully met the four previous challenges. Let's do it again!

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. 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.

**November Soup & Sandwich Sale** – This month's soup will be Chicken Corn with homemade noodles! Order forms for soup and ham & cheese sandwiches can be found in your pew or at the entrances to the Church. Orders are due Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>; pick up is scheduled for Thursday, November 21 between 3 and 5:30 p.m. Proceeds are split 80/20 between the General Fund and Cemetery Association.

**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. Donations of desserts are welcome, any questions, please call Betty in the church office at 610-966-3834. Come and participate or just come and enjoy the beautiful music and dessert!

**Veteran's Program**, Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presented by Upper Milford Historical Society at the Township Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville. Join in for this special event, bring your family and friends to honor those who have sacrificed so much to defend our county and have provided us with the freedoms we have today. They will have hot dogs and bottled water as long as they last. See flyer hanging on bulletin boards around the Church.

*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 November 3, 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

FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm

Supper Club – Wednesday @ 6pm, Main Street Pub

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Bazaar set up – Friday @ 6pm

Craft Bazaar and Basket Auction – Saturday from 9am-3pm

PNEC Annual Meeting-Keystone Conference Vote-St. John's UCC in  
Laury's Station

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

9:45am Second Sunday Treats

10:15am Worship

**Soup & Sandwich Orders Due**

### **Total Offerings from October 27:**

General Offerings: \$1,273.00

Window Fund: \$277.00

Mission: \$15.00

Building Repair: \$40.00

Utilities: \$20.00

Disaster Relief: \$30.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$100.00

Cemetery: \$70.00

Attendance: 61