

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

November 10, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**"Abundance and Poverty"**

Prelude: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146)

One: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust the Holy One!**

One: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Follow the Holy One!**

One: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God's glory and for life abundantly!

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise the Holy One!**

Invocation (unison)

**Living God, we offer you praise in your presence. We give you thanks for life in this community. Some come seeking. Others come assured. Some have questions. Others simply want company. Whatever our reasons for gathering, may they all lead us to an encounter with you, your grace, and your way. Infuse us with your power, forged in love, so that we might be encouraged and respond as agents of your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "We Have Come to Join in Worship" (vs. 1) p.207

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of mercy and possibilities, forgive us for clinging to the measures of success and security in our world rather than trusting in the abundance of your creation.

**Many: Help us to recognize the kingdom coming and our role as participants in your realm. Liberate us from the bonds of consumerism, scarcity, and self-centeredness, and make us vessels of your love come alive in the world. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, you are inheritors of the kingdom of God. You receive riches beyond compare. The Holy One journeys with you and enables you to grow in grace, peace, and contentment. Amen.

\*Hymn: "He Is Our Peace" (*sing through twice*) p.614

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44 p.881

Reflection

Recognition of Veterans

Invitation to Generosity

In the Creator, there is no lack of any good thing. When we consider our resources as part of God's abundance, we nurture generosity within us. Let us give to support the mutual needs of our faith community, the expansion of ministry, and the benefit of the world that God so loves.

Offertory: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Peace

\*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)

**God of generosity and giver of gifts, receive our offerings as a reflection of our gratitude and trust in your sovereignty. Like the widow and Elijah, may the jars that sustain us never empty and never fail. May we witness the miracle of your provision through our generosity and for your glory. 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: "Fill My Cup, Lord" (*sing through twice*)

p.702

\*Benediction

One: When the needs of the world compel you,

**Many: May the blessings of God assure you,**

One: May the abundance of God inspire you, and

**Many: May the goodness of God embolden you**

One: To resist the systems of scarcity and

**Many: To embrace a life of generosity, compassion, and mutuality**

One: In the presence of Creator's abundance. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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**Join us downstairs for a time of coffee and fellowship before you head home into your week. Second Sunday Treats welcomes YOU! If anyone can stay to help set up for the ATF Giveaway, we will provide a pizza lunch. Thank you!**

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**Abundance and Poverty: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fifth 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 Dolly Kichline in memory of Robert Kichline on their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of Charmin Walbert from the Walbert Family.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN** is sponsored by Donald and Phyllis Ritter in honor of their children.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Larry Stahler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Lee Hoch.

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.

**Veteran's Program, TODAY** 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.

**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) 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. If you can help or have any questions, call or text Millie Kohler.



As of November 3, \$4,997 has been contributed towards the new \$6,000 Matching Gift Challenge. Three weeks remain to meet the new goal of \$6,000. We have successfully met the four previous challenges. Let's do it again!

**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 **TODAY**; 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.

**Poinsettias** will be ordered again this year to beautify our church at Christmas time. **Order forms** can be found at the entrances to the church and are due to Linda or Mark Weaver by Sunday, December 1, 2024. You have a choice of Red, White or Pink Poinsettias at \$13.00 each. Thank you.

**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!

**Youth Group** will meet Friday, November 22 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.

Our regular Fall **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 immediately following worship. At this time, we will discuss the budget, elect new Consistory members and consider any other business that may come before the congregation. Our Consistory is looking to fill four spots this year. If you would like more information, please speak with Kathy Latshaw, Sharon Trexler or Pastor Lori. Terms are 2 years and on the job training is provided. Previous experience is not necessary however if you would like to sign on to serve again, that is terrific. Each member of the church may serve after not having been on Consistory for one year. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration. The **Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** will also be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

This year for the **Angel Tree** we will be collecting **SOCKS** for the **Warming Station in the Allentown YMCA**. The Warming Station provides shelter, food, and a safe place for those experiencing homelessness in our community. It is open from November 15 through April 15 to individuals 18 and older. You will not need an actual angel. You can donate **any size socks for men and/or women....** a collection box will be located outside Pastor Lori's office from **November 10 until December 8**.

**White Gift** Service, where we purchase gifts and wrap them in white tissue paper for the Bethany Children's Home, will be on Sunday, December 8. Your generosity will bring many smiles. Gift list can be found at the entrances to the Church. Monetary gifts are also accepted to the Faith Fund. Checks may be sent to Bethany Children's Home, c/o Development Department, 1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Bethany can only use NEW items to give to the students living there.

**Wooden Crosses** are available for sale for \$30. Or you can just order an attachment for the one you have already purchased. Christmas arrangements are now being put together for \$15. Order yours today. See Richard Yeakel or Pastor Lori. Proceeds go to our Building Fund.

**Week of November 10, 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 Christmas Give Away – Monday from 4-6pm

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Finance – Tuesday @ 7pm

Music & Worship – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

ATF Christmas Give Away – Saturday from 10am-12pm

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

10:15am Worship, Hymn Sing

All Loose Offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday Brunchers after Worship

**Total Offerings from November 3:**

General Offerings: \$2,033.00

Window Fund: \$630.00

Mission: \$45.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

Communion: \$44.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$30.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 53