

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

August 24, 2025

9:30 a.m

**those who are able may stand*

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Ed Reis

Prelude: "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Irvine

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship (Psalm 130 and John 6:35)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits for you, O God.

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
and we thirst for you, O God.**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

God of Healing and Transformation,

we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.

we bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;

we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;

**we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.
Meet us here.**

**We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find
our way,
that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: "If My People"

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Prayer Of Confession

Holy One, We confess that we continue wars in our holy human family
even though we know they cause unspeakable suffering.

**All: Like David, who wept for Absalom, his lost son,
we are filled with sorrow for all the children
in our human family who die in war.**

**We see our advanced weapons kill and maim children
and yet still we do not find the ways to peace.
Forgive us we pray.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Holy One, you make all things new; your mercy is new every morning,
Let our cries of sorrow: "O our children, O our children",
Herald the way to compassion and courage as we work for peace. Amen.

*Hymn: "God of our Fathers"

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Scriptures: Matthew 23:1 - 12

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Reflection:

Ed Reis

Special Music

Call to Offering:

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love....may we give a
fragrant offering. The fragrance of the bread of life rising and baking
among us is a wonderful reminder of the new life which is arising in our
beloved community. Let us give generously as we experience the
fragrance of God's life rising in us.

Offertory: "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

Peace

*Presentation of our 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 love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts.

May they be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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, forever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

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*Benediction

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

May we go forth nourished by the bread of life within us.

Our spiritual hunger and thirst is satisfied when we honor the God within us. Life is short. Be kind to one another. Amen

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "The Solid Rock"

Bradbury

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***Hunger and Thirst for God:*** Service Prayers for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater of San Diego, CA..

**We thank Ed Reis for bringing the message today. We also thank Kathy Latshaw for her help in leading worship.**

**TODAY'S Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Linda Benner in memory of Anna and Joseph Benner.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Ruth Stansfield.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Robin Yoder.

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.

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, August 25 at **9:00am**. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler.

### **Information Concerning Donations**

The mission of **our ALL THINGS FREE** room is to provide suitable clothing and household items to families from our local and surrounding food pantries.

We are **VERY** grateful for your donations, however, many times inappropriate items are received resulting in much of our volunteer time being misspent sorting through and disposing of things that are not suitable to offer to our families.

**THEREFORE, BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING: CLOTHING and LINENS** that are clean, smoke free, new or gently worn ....

**WITHOUT** stains, tears, missing buttons or broken zippers.

**HOUSEWARES** that are clean, smoke free, in perfect working order, new or like new.... Without chips, scratches or breaks.

**PERSONAL ITEMS** that are new, unopened (tubes or containers) and partially used packages that contain individually wrapped items.

**TOYS, GAMES and MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** that are clean, smoke free, new or gently used .... With no broken or missing parts.

**DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE SPACE...WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FURNITURE UNLESS IT IS NO LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF AN AVERAGE KITCHEN CHAIR.**

**A Message from ATF:** We continually look for new and/or regifting items throughout the year that can be used as gifts at our November giveaway when food pantry clients shop for Christmas gifts for their family (all ages). Please consider helping us accumulate a variety of items. If you prefer not to shop but are willing to support us with a monetary donation, we will gladly do bargain shopping for you. Thanks in advance for helping any way you can!

**Membership and Evangelism** is hosting a Lunch and Swim Event on Saturday, August 30, 12 Noon at Chestnut Ridge in Emmaus.

We will gather for Lunch (CASH ONLY) in the Chestnut Ridge Dining Room at Noon. After we eat, we will then proceed to the pool for an afternoon Swim, which also includes the use of the Hot Tub. If you prefer not to Swim or Hot Tub, there are tables and chairs around the pool and outside and you are welcome to stay and socialize with the group. Chestnut Ridge provides lockers for changing and the towels. We certainly want to thank Millie Kohler for inviting us to her home facility for this fun outing.

**Please RSVP to Mark or Linda Weaver No Later than today, 8/24. Please Re-confirm even if you responded to the earlier initial email.**

**Supper Club** will meet on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ Capo. & Co. in Emmaus. Please RSVP to Mark or Linda by Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**September Sandwich.** Order forms are found in the bulletin. Orders must be received by Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Pickup date is Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Choir begins:** September 4, 7:30pm

**Sunday School begins:** September 7, 9:00am

**The Chosen**, season 4, will begin to be shown again, one episode each week in the lower social hall on Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m. with snacks on Sept. 10 and concluding on Oct. 29. All Welcome! You do not need to have seen previous episodes but if you wish to see them, we can make arrangements.

***Worship for the summer is at 9:30 a.m. until August 31<sup>st</sup>***

***Worship is at 10:15 a.m. beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>***

**Week of August 24 through August 30, 2025:**

If you need pastoral assistance between Aug 22 and 29, please contact: Ellie or Robin in the office: 610-966-3601 or Cheryl Martucci: 610-967-3044. They will contact the Pastor on call as needed.

Church Secretary Hours: Tuesday 11:30am-1:30pm, Wed & Thursday 10am-2pm  
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort and Store- Monday @ 9am

**Next Sunday**—9:30 am worship

**Total Offerings from August 17<sup>th</sup> , 2025:**

General Offerings: \$1518.00

Mission: \$115.00

Heat and Electric: \$30.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$90.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Attendance – 47