

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

September 21, 2025

10:15am

**those who are able may stand*

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

Gordon

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 113)

One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!

Many: Who is like our God...seated on high?

One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

Many: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

Many: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctify our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation that moves us forward as your people. In your glorious and precious name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Let's Just Praise the Lord"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Redeemer, forgive us for defiling your holy ground.

All: We have not cared for your creation, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not been faithful with the gifts

you have given to us. We ask you not to clean our slate but to renew our hearts. Soften the hardness this world encourages us to wrap around our hearts, and replace it with compassion, empathy, and accountability to our neighbor, siblings, and creation. Awaken a new life within us. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, a new life is possible. The Holy One has planted compassion within our hearts. We need only allow ourselves to come alive to the hope and joy that transformation promises us. Receive the grace of God to release fear of failure in order to try and fail and try again to be all that God will empower us to be.

*Hymn: "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator"

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Scriptures: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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The Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Let us bring our gifts as faithful stewards so that lives may be changed, needs may be met, and the kingdom of God realized. Give generously and cheerfully as an act of grateful praise.

Offertory: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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*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)

Abundant God, may the gifts we give along with your miraculous power be sufficient to the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Amen.

Choir Anthem

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: "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

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*Benediction

Go out into the world to love and serve the Holy One
In word and in deed
In season and out of season
In trust and in stewardship
Go, faithful servant of God,
Go in peace

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"

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***An Accounting: Service Prayers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

**TODAY'S Altar Flowers are sponsored by Millie Kohler in honor of our church's children.**

**TODAY'S Bulletins are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in memory of MaryAnn's father, John Harry.**

**TODAY'S GREETER is Peter Yeakel.**

**TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.**

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.

**Sunday Brunchers** will meet at the Merc after worship, today, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Choir Rehearsal.** Thursday, September 25, 7:30pm. All welcome!!!

**Youth Group.** Friday, September 26, 6:00-8:00pm lower social hall.

**Dedication Sunday.** Sunday, September 28 during the 10:15am service

**The Chosen**, season 4, began showing on Sept. 10 and will conclude on Oct. 29, one episode each week in the lower social hall on Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m.

with snacks on Sept. 10. All Welcome! You do not need to have seen previous episodes but if you wish to see them, we can make arrangements.

### **St. Francis Day Animal Blessing and Fire Pit Fellowship**

When: Saturday, Oct 4, 2025 6-8pm (rain date: Oct 11)

Where: Parking Lot of Zion's Lutheran, Old Zionsville

What: Join us as we commemorate St. Francis of Assisi's feast day with a gathering celebrating God's creation. We'll say a few prayers and sing a few songs and then roast a few marshmallows together. Pets on leashes/harnesses are welcome to come for a spoken blessing. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket, and your favorite sticks for roasting marshmallows.

Questions, ask Pastor Lori.

### **Week of September 21 through September 27:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment

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

Sunday: 4-6pm Calling Hours for Lenny Hoch  
(Heintzelman-Stephens Funeral Home)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store  
11am-12pm Calling Hours for Lenny Hoch  
12pm Lenny Hoch Funeral  
(Heintzelman-Stephens Funeral Home)  
6pm Scouts (lower social hall)

Tuesday: 7pm Cub Scouts (lower social hall)

Wednesday: 1pm The Chosen (lower social hall)

Thursday: 7:30pm Choir

Friday: 6-8pm Youth Group

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

**Next Sunday**—10:15 am Worship. Dedication Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

**Total Offerings from September 14, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$1843.00

Mission: \$170.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: \$20.00

Communion: \$20.00

Flowers: \$40.00

Sunday School: \$5.00

Attendance – 46

**Old Zionsville UCC**  
P.O. Box 215, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

**October Soup and Sandwich Sale**

Our Social and Aid Committee is going to keep us warm during the winter months again this year. Each month they will be offering a Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser to help the Church and Cemetery. Pickups will be on a Thursday so you will be able to sell soup and sandwiches at work and deliver them for lunch on Friday! This month they are offering **Pepper Pot Soup with Homemade Noodles** and **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Soup will be sold by the quart for \$8.00 each and sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped in the offering plate any Sunday during worship service; call or email the Church office (610-966-3601), [ozuccoffice@otd.net](mailto:ozuccoffice@otd.net); or Annie Souder to place your orders. Keep the bottom of this form for your records if you sell to others.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Pick up will be Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches:**

**at \$5.00 each: \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of Quarts of Soup:**

**at \$8.00 each: \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Owed: \$**\_\_\_\_\_



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