

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 8, 2025

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Day of Pentecost**  
**"Truth, Trouble, and Fear"**

Prelude: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Acts 2:1 and Psalm 104)

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

**Many: We join for worship online and onsite, in real time and sometimes days later, and yet,**

One: The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.

**Many: Who unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.**

One: We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.

**Many: God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community and the church.**

One: May the glory of God the Fire endure forever!

**Many: Bless the Holy One, oh my soul. Praise God!.**

Invocation (unison)

**Spirit of Unity, you knit us together with all of our connections and distinctions. You make us one and yet unique. We gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to the language of the other, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and to immerse ourselves in compassionate care, to give you glory and to recognize the gift of community. May our hearts be opened and our lips declare your praise. Inhabit our worship with your abiding presence and inflame us with your love. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

**Spirit of God Amen, fall fresh on us. Let your refining fire bring impurities to the surface for the fullness of who we are to shine through. Forgive us for the ways we allow our diversity to be a reason for divisiveness and exclusion rather than a celebration of your wondrous work in us. Enable us to overcome and eradicate the barriers that we create in the name of our convenience and comfort that push your beloved to the margins. Awaken in us a desire to know and share space with neighbor, enemy, and kin. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, you have not received a spirit of fear, divisiveness, animus, or hate. Receive the true gift of God—the spirit of adoption—that binds us together as one and unique, connected and distinct, unified yet not uniform. The Spirit of God delights in you as the individual you are and are becoming as a co-heir with Christ of the kingdom as well as in the global human community that declares the creative breadth of the Holy One's creative acts and surpassing love.

\*Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

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Reflection

Celebration of our Graduates (see insert)

Invitation to Generosity

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. For the gifts of God, we give thanks. For the grace of God, we extend our trust. For the love of God, we bring forth the gifts we have to give. May our offerings of time, talent, and treasure ignite and unite this community for the hope of the world around us, near and far.

Offertory: "Holy Spirit, Fill Me Now"

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\*Presentation of the Offering 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)

**Spirit of the Living God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry**

**begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. Magnify them in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us and we return to the world you love. 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**

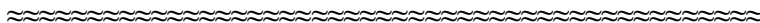
\*Closing Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" p.389

\*Benediction

Go, united as living testimonies of the Source of all love, the Embodiment of divine power, and the Spirit of truth and wisdom. Go, in the assurance that the same flame that ignited the early disciples burns alive in the church today. Go, with glad hearts and courage, as the Advocate guides and with the peace Christ provides.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "In Christ There Is No East or West" Reinegle



***Truth, Trouble, and Fear: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Cyrus Mohr in memory of loved ones.

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

**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, June 9 at 10:00am. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler.

The next **Sunday Brunchers** get together will be after Worship on Sunday, June 15 at the Mercantile Club in Emmaus. **Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, June 27 at the Bally Family Diner, 12 noon. Please RSVP for these events with Mark or Linda Weaver. **All are Welcome!**

The next round of **Grief Care** has begun and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Each week includes a video, discussion and a snack. We meet in the lower social hall which is air conditioned and comfortable for all. We also have a zoom link if you cannot make it in person. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

Ham and Cheese Sandwich orders now being taken by the Social and Aid Committee. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church or in your pew and are due **TODAY**. You may drop your order form in the offering plate, call or email the church office or call Annie. Thank you for your support.

Join us for the **79th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, June 29, 2025**, for a memorable day of worship, history, and community! Experience an outdoor service under a large tent, surrounded by the beauty of nature at the historic 1841 stone schoolhouse, located at 7226 School House Lane in Zionsville. The combined Lutheran, Mennonite, and U.C.C. congregations will gather for a service at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a German-style picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods. Stay for an exciting **12:30 p.m.** performance by **Palzer Krischer**, a German/PA Dutch folk group, featuring local musician Scott Reagan and his band from Altrip, Germany. This unique concert, blending PA Dutch and Palzisch (Palatine German), will be a highlight you won't want to miss!

**Open House! Saturday, June 28** from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse! Experience first-hand this one-room school which is on the National Register of Historical Places.

**Calling All Bakers!!!** There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Dillingersville Schoolhouse. If you love to bake, please consider donating one of your delicious desserts to support this beautiful and historical schoolhouse. **Bring your dessert(s) to the schoolhouse with you prior to the 10:30 am service on Sunday, June 29th.** Please keep in mind that there is no refrigeration available, so you may want to consider not using icing on your dessert. For more information, please contact Teresa Marks at 610-509-1488 (cell number). Thank you!

**Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday, July 6.**

**Week of June 8-14, 2025:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.  
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

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

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Property – Monday @ 7pm

FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Care – Wednesday from 6-8pm

Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 10:15am Worship, Loose offering to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund  
Sunday Brunchers @ 12pm

**Total Offerings from June 1, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$1,353.69

Mission: \$60.00

Building Repair: \$40.00

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: \$20.00

Utilities: \$70.00

Communion: \$98.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$10.00

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