

WELCOME TO
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Organist

June 22, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Second Apostle: Andrew

Prelude: "All My Life"

Carmichael

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalms 42 & 43)

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so we long for you, O God.

As the plants turn toward the sun, so we turn to you, O God. As the tide ebbs and flows, so we move with you, O God.

Many: Hope in God! Again, we worship the Holy One, our help and our God.

One: When tears are our constant companion, when our souls become weary, when we feel forgotten or alone, we may ask the question, "Where is God?"

Many: Trust in God! Again, we honor the Present One, our strength and our God.

One: Deep calls to deep. The steadfast love of God surrounds us. The Spirit of Truth leads us to everlasting joy.

Many: Rejoice in God. Again, we praise the Living One, our source and our God.

Invocation (unison)

God in whom we take refuge, we seek you as the calm in the storm, the path in the wilderness, and the order in the chaos. Renew our strength with a vision of your kingdom made real and expanding before us. Encourage us with a word of possibility and an encounter with your presence. Enliven us as we pray, sing, laugh, cry, witness, listen, ponder, and imagine in your midst and in our own way. We

come to you with our full selves knowing you offer us the fullness of your being. May we find hope and challenge, joy and rest, peace and power as we immerse ourselves in you and glorify your name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Ye Servants of God"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy One, as we experience difficult moments, we so often fail to recognize your abiding presence.

All: We question if you exist or if you are with us when things do not go our way or when it seems that you have not kept promises we've manufactured from our wishes and dreams—and that you've never pledged to keep. Help us to turn to you in trust even when the present troubles us and the future seems bleak. Guide us into a prophetic imagination that realizes that your covenant is everlasting. Sustain us by faith for transformation and new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, the grace of God meets us even when we question, "Where is our God?" God is near, with us, behind us, and before us. Sometimes, the answers we seek come slowly in silence. Sometimes, God charges us to become the solution we need for one another. Whatever and however God replies to our cries, we may be assured that God's peace, justice, and righteousness are central to the response. Receive the gift of new and renewing life in Christ.

*Hymn: "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

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Scripture: John 1:30-42

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Reflection: "Andrew"

Invitation to Generosity

May we honor and worship the Provider of all good and perfect gifts through our acts of generosity, our sharing of resources, and our trust in the abundance of God's creation.

Offertory: "A Perfect Heart"

McGuire

*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)

Generous God, through our giving, we acknowledge the role you have delegated to us in meeting our collective needs and allocating our resources of time, talent, and treasure for the good of all. May these offerings nurture ministry, further community engagement, and bring glory to your name. 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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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*Benediction

We depart from this time of worship but let us not leave it behind. Let our worship inform your attitudes and dispositions, our choices and our actions, our words and our witness. Let our lives be a living proclamation of what God has done, is doing, and will do. Go in the peace of God for the glory of God. Thanks be to God!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Bourgeois

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

***NEXT SUNDAY IS DILLINGERSVILLE SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M.  
AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE, 7226 SCHOOL HOUSE LANE, ZIONSVILLE***

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Daniel and Kathy Latshaw in honor of their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Millie Kohler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Mark Weaver.

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 23 at 10:00am. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler. Help will be needed for the next Giveaway on Monday, July 14 from 4-6pm and on Saturday, July 19 from 10am-12pm. Set up will be on Saturday, July 12 at 10am.

**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!**

**Grief Care** 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.

Join us for the **79th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** next **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. Thank you!

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

**Week of June 22-28, 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

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Grief Care – Wednesday from 6-8pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon

**Next Sunday** – 10:30am Worship at Dillingersville School House

**Total Offerings from June 15, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$1,963.00

Mission: \$57.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$0

Utilities: \$40.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$25.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Attendance - 52

# Juneteenth

This week, the nation celebrates its youngest federal holiday, which commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth marks the events of June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas when the last Black slaves of the Confederacy were ordered free following the arrival of Union troops. The day, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, was officially recognized a federal holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021.

Juneteenth National Independence Day is on Thursday, June 19, this year, and is considered a federal holiday. Banks, Schools, Post Offices and government offices will be closed.

## What is Juneteenth?

The holiday commemorates the full and complete enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation in the U.S. President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation to free enslaved African Americans in secessionist states on Jan. 1, 1863, but enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, would not learn of their freedom until two years later.

On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger informed the community of Galveston of Lincoln's proclamation. Although enslaved people had been officially emancipated years prior, enslavers responsible for telling them ignored the order until Union troops arrived to enforce it, founder of Juneteenth.com Cliff Robinson earlier told USA TODAY. Texas was the last Confederate state to have the proclamation announced.

Though the story of Texas' emancipation is the most widely known, president of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation Steve Williams previously told USA TODAY, other significant events in the history of emancipation took place on and around that date. He said the first known Juneteenth celebrations began in 1866 and spread across the country as African Americans migrated to new cities.