

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

August 3, 2025

9:30 a.m

**those who are able may stand*

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The Apostle Matthew

Prelude: "Communion"

Gounod

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 107)

One: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Many: For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.

One: Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!

Many: For the Compassionate One heard our cry and sustained us through the time of trouble.

One: Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Many: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Invocation (unison)

**Amazing God, we honor and celebrate your presence among us.
We rejoice in your goodness and delight in your wonderful works.
We lament the suffering of the world and take courage that you
are with us. We ask that you make your presence known to us.
Speak, O God, for we attune our attention for your guidance.
Receive our praise as we glorify your name! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

pg. 210

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Unison)

One: Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you.

**You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn-back to
you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set**

by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. These treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.

*Hymn: "We Are an Offering" pg. 678

Scriptures: Luke 5:27 -32 pg. 894

Reflection: The Apostle Matthew

The Pastoral Prayer

Invitation of Generosity:

Having received the gifts of God, let us seek the kingdom and return a portion of our abundance to the ministry of this faith community so that our collective offering will bless God and God's people.

Offertory: "Prayer" Smart

*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)

**Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands,
and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kingdom forever
and ever. Amen.**

The Service of Holy Communion (from book of communion liturgies page 11)

Our Father, which 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: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" pg. 624

*Benediction

May God's kingdom come.
May God's will be done.
Through us.

In us.
In our communities
As we go

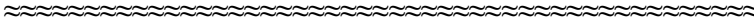
Sung Benediction: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of the day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation"

Bish



Rich Toward God: Service Prayers for the Eighth 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 BULLETINS are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shoemaker in memory of loved ones

TODAY'S GREETER is Roger and Mishelle Miller

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, August 4 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!

Sunday Brunchers will meet at The Merc on Sunday, August 17th after worship. Please RSVP for these events with Mark or Linda Weaver. **All are Welcome!**

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 Sunday 8/24. Please Re-confirm even if you responded to the earlier initial email.

August Sandwich orders are due on Sunday, August 10th. The Pickup date is Thursday, August 21st from 3:30-5:30 pm. Order forms can be in your bulletins or on the ends of the pews.

Worship for the summer is at 9:30 a.m.

Week of August 3 through August 9, 2025:

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

Church Secretary Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11am-2pm
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)
Check out your newsletter to learn more about our new secretary.
Ellie is in training with Alyson and will officially start ASAP.

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

ATF Sort and Store- Monday @ 9am

Next Sunday—9:30 am worship, Sandwich orders due

August 10th, David Carlson will be on vacation. We are grateful to have Beth Eck with us to provide music that day.

Total Offerings from July 27, 2025:

General Offerings: \$2,417.00

Pastor's Discretionary fund- \$80.00

Mission: \$75

Cemetery: \$30.00

Attendance – 38

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

August Sandwich Sale

For the summer months, June, July, August and September the Social and Aid Committee will only be making and selling **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Pickups will be on a Thursday so you will be able to sell sandwiches at work and deliver them for lunch on Friday! Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please indicate below how many you would like. 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@ptd.net; or Annie Souder to place your orders. Keep the bottom for your records if you sell to others. Proceeds will be split between the Church and the Cemetery Association to help pay bills.

Orders must be received by Sunday, August 10th, 2025.

Pick up will be Thursday, August 21st, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches: _____

at \$5.00 each: \$ _____



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