

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

Beth Eck

Organist

August 10, 2025

9:30 a.m

**those who are able may stand*

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

Goldston

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Dykes

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 50)

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of the kindom, the perfection of beauty, the splendor of creation, the wonder of ages, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

Many: Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

Many: Out of our witness, worship, and testimony, God shines forth.

Invocation (unison)

Wonderful God, set your kindom before us anew. Dwell with us as we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you. Demonstrate your kindom to us and through our time of gathering so that we may be firm and steadfast in love and action to make your way known. Reveal the path you trail before us so that we may follow you clearly with distraction or detour. May your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

pg. 393

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Unison)

One: O God, our hands are full and stained with the fruit of devastation and despair.

All: We lament a world filled with genocide and war even as we acknowledge our complicity and inaction with rampant evil in the world. Too often, we benefit from our neighbor's suffering and remain complacent and compliant when the cost of loving our neighbor seems to address illusions of safety and security. Move us to action. Arm us with hearts bursting with love. Equip us as agents of the kindom's peace. Assure us that when we seek forgiveness through our actions as well as our words, your grace will meet us. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, in Isaiah 50:23, the Voice declares, "Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God." Though the cost of discipleship may be exacting and sacrificial, the grace of God strengthens, sustains, and encourages. Receive the power of the Sovereign One to act according to God's will and to advance the kindom on earth, in community, and in life.

*Hymn: "In Christ There is No East or West"

pg. 428

Scriptures: Matthew 10:1-4

pg. 843

Reflection: The Apostle James the Lesser, son of Alphaeus

Special Music

Invitation of Generosity:

We honor Creator by offering our gifts of service, action, compassion, financial and material resources, and energy to the continuing ministry of the Body of Christ. Let us give with divinely-inspired and empowered generosity trusting God to provide for all needs, individually and collectively.

Offertory: "He Leadeth Me"

Bradbury

*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)

Generous God, as we bring our gifts, we ask for you to receive them and endow us with wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of your abundant blessings. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer...The Lord’s Prayer

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: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” pg. 640

*Benediction

Go, clothed for compassion
Attired with joy
Covered by peace
And dressed for action
Knowing that the God who knit you together
Goes with you
In strength, gentleness, and power

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: “Go Now In Peace” (Instrumental only)



Dressed for Action: Service Prayers for the Ninth 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 Alter Flowers are sponsored by Paula Lilly in memory of son, Troy
TODAY’S BULLETINS are sponsored by Paula Lilly in memory of her parents,
Vincent and Emma Christman

TODAY’S GREETER is John and Nancy Civitts
TODAY’S LITURGIST is Les Schoenberger

We thank Beth Eck for providing the music for our service today.

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 11 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.

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

August Sandwich orders are due **TODAY**. 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.

Sunday, August 24th Ed Reis will be sharing the message while Pastor Lori is on vacation. He will be taking a break from the Apostles list and sharing important information about: Sermons- Sinners- Servants- Saints

Worship for the summer is at 9:30 a.m until August 31st

Worship is at 10:15 a.m beginning September 7th

Week of August 10 through August 16, 2025:

Please contact: Alyson, Ellie, or Robin in the office: 610-966-3601 or Cheryl Martucci. They will contact the Pastor on call as needed.

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.

Alyson's last official day in the office will be August 20th.

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

ATF Sort and Store- Monday @ 9am

Property Meeting- Monday @ 7pm

Finance Meeting- Wednesday @ 7pm

Next Sunday—9:30 am worship

Sunday Brunchers after Worship @ the Merch

Total Offerings from August 3rd, 2025:

General Offerings: \$2604.00

Mission: \$35.00

Communion: \$49.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Parking lot: \$25.00

Attendance – 50