

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

April 12, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Second Sunday of Easter
"So I Send You"

Prelude: "Eye Hath Not Seen"

Gaul

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 16)

One: Let us say to the Holy One: You are our God, we have no good apart from you!

Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!

One: The Holy One is our chosen portion and our cup; God holds our lot.

Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!

One: The Holy One provides us protection and refuge, keeps us in pleasant places, and gives a good heritage.

Many: Holy One, you are our God, we have no good apart from you!

Invocation (unison)

Gracious and Eternal God, you are the one who calls us together and the one who sends us out in the world. Remind us, as we gather, how good it is to dwell with you and one another. Stir our hearts to love boldly, freely, and joyfully. Let us praise you with our whole lives and magnify your name by our works. We bless and honor you, O Faithful One, from generation to generation and from community to community. Speak to our spirits and receive our worship. Amen.

***Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

Gracious and Eternal God, you never abandon us the way that we sometimes abandon you. We doubt your power and your

compassion. We call upon your name, but too often without expectation that you will answer. We blame you for the things we have collectively caused or that life demands. Yet, we give ourselves credit for the good that comes our way. We offer empty apology devoid of real repentance. We want to be absolved without engaging in repair. Help us to cherish grace as a gift and mercy as a miracle.

Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, the Redeemer of our souls meets us in our doubts, uncertainty, and questions. When we call, God responds. When we do not call, God remains present with us. Receive the grace of God to trust the Holy One with our struggles, pain, and brokenness. Have life in the name of the One who came to us, comes to us, and will come to us again and again.

***Hymn: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"** (verses 1,2,4) page 344

Scripture: John 20:19-31 page 945

Reflection

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Through Christ, we receive "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,

and unfading.” (1 Peter 1:4) Let us express our gratitude to God by sharing the gifts we receive. Let us bring our material offerings for tangible ministry to spread good news in our community and world.

Offertory: “Welcome, Happy Morning”

Havergal

***Presentation of our Gifts and “We Give Thee but Thine Own”** page 667

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous One, may these gifts be a blessing to those in need, a source of hope for those in despair, comfort for those who grieve, encouragement for those who doubt, a balm for those in pain. May our generosity reflect our gratitude and our giving be another source of praise. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Pastoral Prayer...The Lord’s Prayer (spoken/seated)

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

***Hymn: “I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

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***Benediction**

Beloved, as you go know that you have been sent
By a Creator who endowed you with every gift you need
By a Loving God who stays with you on the journey
By a Sovereign God who protects and provides
By a Purposeful God who has a role for you in the kindom
By a Merciful and Gracious God who understands and anticipates your mistakes
By a Mighty God who offers refuge and hope in the raging storms
By a Kind God who blesses us with community
By a Challenging God who holds us accountable
By a Risen God who laid the path that you might follow
In love and hope, empowered and equipped, for honor and glory. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: “Fanfare for the King”

Hughes



TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Civitts.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Roger & Mishelle Miller.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by his wife, Linda Bertie & his Family in memory of Martin Bertie's Birthday.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

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.

Greeters and Liturgists! Please consider being a Greeter or a Liturgist during Worship. Call the office or email to get your name added to our List.

Specifically, we need a liturgist for Sunday, June 7. Thank you!

All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store will be held every Monday in April at 10am. Stop by to check it out. We can always use extra hands! Thanks in advance for serving the Lord. For further information, please contact Pastor Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522.

Help is needed for our next ATF Giveaway on Monday, May 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 9 for set up. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Pastor Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church.

Jewelry Fundraiser (3/15/26-4/12/26) – This is the last day for the Jewelry Fundraiser. There is a designated locked container in the Narthex to collect any old, unwanted jewelry you may have. Our proceeds will be determined by the fair market value of the items collected less 15%. Some items may ultimately be donated to organizations such as The YMCA Perfect Fit Professional Clothing Boutique, YMCA Bethlehem Pop Up Prom Shop, and more. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be included as part of our end of year distribution. Flyer posted on bulletin boards for more information.

This is the last day to order Beef Vegetable Soup and Ham and Cheese Sandwiches offered to purchase by our Social and Aid Committee. Beef Vegetable soup is \$8.00 each and sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Order forms may be found in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped in the offering plate this Sunday during worship service. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association.

Orders must be received by TODAY Sunday, April 12, 2026.

The pick-up will be Thursday, April 23, 2026, in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.

Sticky Bun Fundraiser - Our Outlook Committee is selling Sticky Buns as a fundraiser for Church repairs. The Sticky Buns are made by Shady Mountain Market and are approximately 8" round yielding 7 individual pieces. The Sticky Buns are \$8.00 each. Order forms may be found on the table in the Narthex. **Orders are due by Sunday, May 10 and Pick-up date is Thursday, May 21 from 3pm to 5pm in the lower Social Hall of the Church.** Orders may be placed in the collection plate on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601 or by emailing the church at ozuccoffice@ptd.net.

Confirmation Class Dates: (Classes are on Sundays)

April 12: class after worship today until 2 p.m. We are making tacos for lunch.

April 26: class at 9 a.m.

May 10: class at 9 a.m.

May 31: class from 12 - 2 after worship.

June 21: class Noon to 2 p.m. after worship

The next round of **GriefCare** is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 3 and run until July 29. There are nine sessions and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 4/15/2026

Sunday April 19, 2026, ~ 12 Noon

Mercantile Club

427 Railroad St., Emmaus

CASH ONLY

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 4/19/2026

Friday April 24, 2026, 12 Noon

Bally Family Diner

1605 PA-100, Barto (Main St., Bally)

Supper Club – RSVP by Sunday 5/3/2026

Wednesday May 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

Hunan Springs – Asian Kitchen

4939 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville

Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 5/13/2026

Sunday May 17, 2026, ~ 12 Noon

Mercantile Club

427 Railroad St., Emmaus

CASH ONLY

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 5/24/2026

Friday May 29, 2026, 12 Noon

The New Macungie Family Diner

202 E. Main St., Macungie

50 Days of Easter Food Challenge: A People of the Table Mission Project for Keystone Conference's 1st Annual Meeting

The Challenge: Churches across the Conference are challenged to donate non-perishable food to a local food bank between **Easter (04/05/2026)** and **Pentecost (05/24/2026)** and to report the quantities of their donations. Each church will report its totals (by category) via a web link, and the Conference-wide total will be revealed at the 1st Annual Meeting, June 5–7, 2026. Using categories such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta and rice, toiletries, and more will provide an easy-to-visualize picture of the breadth of donations. Having churches donate locally will allow you to serve the communities in which you live, work, and minister. We want to avoid hauling donations across the commonwealth to a single location when we know the need exists everywhere. We are also asking delegates to bring a one-pound bag of rice or beans to the Annual Meeting as a representation of their local donation. These items will be donated to the Lancaster Food Hub. **Old Zionsville UCC will be participating in this mission project.** But we already do, you say? Yes, we do. But now, the **confirmation class will count the items you bring in between Easter and Pentecost** so we can make a tally and participate in the Keystone Conference Challenge! Have fun. Bring as much as you can and all kinds of things count. We thank you in advance as we celebrate the joy of sharing. Questions? Ask Lori Esslinger - 610-393-3522

Penny Party – May 2, 2026

Doors open: 4:45pm in the Lower-level social hall. **Plan on eating supper here.** There will be food available for purchase, including desserts.

Games Begin: 6pm. Bring your pennies (and other change) for bidding on items of your choice. The more you bid the greater your chances of winning! Tickets for bidding are \$2 for a box of 200.

Join us for the **80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, June 28, 2026**, 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 **Simple Gifts**, two women plus twelve instruments draw on an impressive variety of ethnic folk styles. This unique concert, will be a highlight you won't want to miss!

Week of April 13 through April 19:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 10am-3pm.
(other times by appointment)

Church Hours: Tues. 11:30am-1:30pm, Wed & Thurs 10:00am-2pm
(please call before coming to make sure secretary is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store
6pm Scouts

Tuesday: 7pm Cubs
7pm F.U.N. Group

Wednesday: 7pm Finance Committee

Thursday: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 4:30pm Boy Scout Pot Luck Supper

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

Next Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

12:00 noon Sunday Brunchers, Mercantile

Total Offerings from April 2, 2026:

General Offerings: \$398.00

Pastor's Discretionary: \$50.00

Communion: \$40.00

Lent: \$40.00

Total Offerings from April 5, 2026 7:30 a.m.:

General Offerings: \$1489.00

Missions: \$30.00

Communion: 20.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Attendance: 45

Total Offerings from April 5, 2026 10:15 a.m.:

General Offerings: \$1504.00

Memorial: \$25.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Communion: \$80.00

Attendance: 75