

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

April 19, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Third Sunday of Easter
"Going On"

Prelude: "God Leads His Dear Children Along"

Akeis

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 116)

One: We call upon the name of the Holy One who hears our cry and responds to our prayer. What shall we return to the Holy One for all the blessings we receive?

Many: We will call upon the name of the Holy One for as long as we live.

One: The Holy One has been our Companion in suffering and our Comforter in anguish. What shall we return to the Holy One for their presence among us?

Many: We will serve the Holy One and be companions and comforters for God's people.

One: The Holy One has given a new covenant of salvation, redemption, and restoration for the world. What shall we return to the Holy One for the gift of covenantal love?

Many: We will declare the goodness of God with praise and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Bless the name of the Holy One!

Invocation (unison)

Living God, you are the fire that burns within us. You open our hearts to your presence, revealed in word and song, in hospitality and friendship, in sacrament and presence. Open our minds again so that we may recognize you when you meet us in unexpected moments. Let us encounter you in every phase and movement of

worship that we might know you and love you more than before we gathered. And, may that love burn brightly like the sun cutting through the gloom of the storm to inspire us to go on with renewed hope and spirit. Amen.

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

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

One: Spirit of the Living God, we ask you to meet us in those moments when we recognize that we have caused, through action or inaction, through words or silence, through participation or lack of participation, that we have caused or allow harm to take place.

Many: In those moments, allow our hearts to break in order to be mended with the burning fire of repentance and sharpening. In those moments, let our hearts cry, "what should we do?" In those moments, guide us to wisdom and discernment, Holy Spirit, so that we would not only be forgiven but gifted with the work of repair and restoration. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, the Holy Spirit continues to be our present companion. When we seek them, the Spirit responds with wisdom, hope, and peace. Be encouraged that the Holy One awaits to meet us where we are in order to journey with us to where we could be for the glory of God and the good of the world.

***Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** (verses 1 & 2 only)

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Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

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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

1 Peter 1:21 tells us that, "Through [Jesus], you have come to trust in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God." Let us give glory to the Living God by demonstrating that trust and hope in the offering of gifts to meet the needs of our community and to manifest the love of God in us. Amen.

Offertory: "Because He Lives"

Gaither

***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 God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name
and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led
discernment, and generous love. 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: "Rejoice, The Lord is King"**

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***Benediction**

As you go, may your heart burn
For the love of God to ignite throughout the world
Through acts—great and minute— of compassion, kindness, and community
Through sacrifices—great and minute—for justice, liberation, and restoration
Through commitments—great and minute—to bring good news to every
moment, decision, and interaction.

Go on...enflamed with the hope of peace burning brightly from the heart.

***Extinguishing of the Candles**

***Postlude: "Fugue in C Major"**

Bach



Going On: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heil in honor of their daughter, Marianne Alliston's Birthday.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Souder in memory of Loved Ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Kathy Latshaw.

TODAY'S GREETER is Ruth Stansfield.

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.

Newsflash!! Come to worship April 26 to hear Tom Dilts preach from his heart about his thoughts on death and grief. He will share lots for all of us to think about.

Greeters and Liturgists! Please consider being a Greeter or a Liturgist during Worship. Call or email the office 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.

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

Our Cub Scouts are selling Firehouse coffee! Great gifts for Mother's and Father's Day!!! Orders are due Tuesday, **April 28**, to me, Pastor Lori. I have a message out to learn when the delivery date will be to the church. There is a Firehouse Coffee shop in Bally. Through the Cubs you can also get a \$25 gift card for that place :). 12 oz. bags are \$15.95 each; K-cups \$13.95 /box.

You can get whole beans, ground or K-Cups for any of the following flavors:

Breakfast Blend

Columbian dark roast

General Store - Brazilian medium roast

Costa Rica - light roast

Salted Caramel coffee

French toast

French vanilla

Chocolate Raspberry

Details on flavors on paperwork at the sound system. I'll let you know the delivery date as soon as I find out. **Thanks in advance for supporting our Cubs!!!**

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 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.

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Today, 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.

Items to bring for our 50 Day Challenge for the food pantry:

- Canned fruit & veggies
- Canned pasta & soup
- Canned meat & fish
- Boxed side dishes
- Pasta & rice
- Pasta sauces
- Breakfast cereals
- Shelf-stable milk
- Baking supplies
- Beverages
- Nut butters & jams
- Condiments & spices
- Snacks
- Toiletries & 1st Aid
- Other

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!

Calling All Bakers!!! There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the **80th 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 10:30am service on Sunday, June 28th. 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 or to get your donation to the church before June 28, please contact Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522** (cell number). Thank you!

Week of April 20 through April 26:

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 Consistory

Thursday: 3:00-5:00PM Soup & Sandwich Pickup, Lower Social Hall
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch, Bally Family Diner

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

Next Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, Tom Dilts, Preaching

Total Offerings from April 12, 2026:

General Offerings: \$2120.00

Pastor's Discretionary: \$60.00

Parking Lot: \$20.00

Ben/Missions: \$80.00

Bulletin: \$10.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

Sunday School: \$15.00

Attendance: 56