

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

May 3, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fifth Sunday of Easter
"Do the Works"

Prelude: "Prayer"

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 31)

One: In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

One: You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands. Strengthen us in your righteousness.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

One: Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

Invocation (unison)

Holy and Living God, build us into a spiritual house, a gathering of witnesses for the world and in the world to declare your goodness, to follow in your way, to do the work of your hands, voice, and heart Renew our spirits as we worship you and bask in your presence. So fill us with your Spirit that we collectively proclaim ourselves as your people, called to the fullness of your glorious and radiant being. Amen.

***Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Redeemer of our lives, we come to you knowing that we participate in

a world often crushed by tyranny and evil. Our hearts are troubled, overwhelmed, and dismayed. At times, we feel helpless and hopeless by the enormity of the problems presenting all around us.

Many: We believe the lie of the enemy that there is nothing that we can do or that someone else is the one to do it. May you, Holy and Righteous One, be glorified in the tumbling of walls cemented in evil and fortified by hate. For this, we pray for courage and resolve to do the works needed in this hour. For this, we pray for faith, trust, and hope to believe that the realm of the possible eclipses the narrow places of improbability. For this, we pray for the boldness to pray for what the world needs and more than our imaginations may hold. Amen.

Words of Grace

Chosen of God, receive the mercy of God, who calls you from despair into hope, from suffering into repair, from hopelessness into resolve. God has given you capacity for strength and compassion. The Holy One journeys with you. Grace is available for you. Know that your prayers are met and amplified by the Spirit, and Christ will lead the way to life and love everlasting on earth as in heaven. Amen.

***Hymn: "Let's Just Praise the Lord"**

Scripture: John 14: 1-14

Reflection

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***Affirmation of Faith: The 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

Generous ones, you bear the image of the Generous God, who has provided for all needs and gives good gifts. Accept the invitation to share, sacrificially and from abundance, resources needed in this community and by our neighbors throughout the world for the glory of God.

Offertory: "Communion Meditation"

Dubois

***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, may the gifts that we bring reflect the image we bear.
Be glorified through our generosity and the meeting of needs among
and beyond us. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Holy Communion (page 11 in the Book of Communion Liturgy)

***The Lord's Prayer** (standing/sung)

**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, forever. Amen**

***Hymn: "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"**

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***Benediction**

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in the power of God in you and through you.

Do the work of loving God, neighbor, and self.

Do the work of holding the complexity of life in tension with compassion and care.

Do the work of believing a future with hope is possible.

Do the work of nurturing that hope into a vision and vision into reality.

Do the work of glorifying God by following the way of Christ and praying with our lives.

Do the works. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Fugue in G Minor"

Bach



Do the Works: Service Prayers for the Fifth 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. Larry Stahler in loving memory of father, Michael Serafine, Sr. and brother, Michael Jr.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are given by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Goudsward in memory of Merle & Carl Lorish.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Mark Weaver.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Marvin & Barbara Kerchner.

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.

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 ozucoffice@ptd.net.

Confirmation Class Dates: (Classes are on Sundays)

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

Confirmation Sunday will be September 20 at the 10:15am service.

All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store will be held on Mondays in May at 10am (except for May 11 & 25). 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.

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.

Supper Club – RSVP by today, 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

May Soup and Sandwich Sale. Chicken Corn Soup with Home-made

noodles along with Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in May by our Social and Aid Committee. Chicken corn soup with home-made noodles will be sold by the quart for \$8.00 each and sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped off in the offering plate any Sunday during worship service; call or email the Church office at 610-966-3601, ozuccoffice@ptd.net; or call Annie Souder to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by Sunday, May 10, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, May 21, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**

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

Join us for the **80th Annual Dillingsville 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 picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods for sale. Stay for an exciting **12:30 p.m.** performance by **Simple Gifts**, two women plus twelve instruments that 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 Dillingsville 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 May 4 through May 10:

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

Wednesday: 6pm Supper Club, Hunan Springs

Thursday: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 10am ATF Setup

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

Next Sunday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Treats

10:15 a.m. Worship

Soup & Sandwich Orders Due

Sticky Bun Orders Due

Total Offerings from April 26, 2026:

General Offerings: \$1709.00

Boiler: \$60.00

Sunday School: \$8.00

Ben/Missions: \$165.00

Bulletin: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$50.00

Attendance: 54

