

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

May 17, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Sacrament of Baptism
"In the World"

Prelude: "Jesus, I Come"

Stebbins

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 68)

One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds—the Holy One— be exultant before God.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and strength to the people.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!

Invocation (unison)

Holy Love, our Companion and Source, shower us with your presence, shelter us in your sanctuary, shield us with your peace. Open our receptivity to your word, wisdom, and way. May our worship honor your name and draw us nearer to you and to our neighbors. Be glorified in our midst as we exalt your Many Names. Amen.

***Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places.

Many: We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected life in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

New Creation in Christ, the resurrected life is yours. We place our hope in the assurance that, in Christ, all things are made new. Change is possible. The world we seek is ours to build, nurture, and sustain. God has given us grace and authority as well as a Companion to make a difference in the world. Receive these gifts freely as they are given.

***Hymn: "Amazing Grace"** (verse one only) page 343

Scripture: John 17: 1-11 page 941

Reflection

Sacrament of Holy Baptism see insert

Invitation to Generosity

Our commitments in the world are tangible and spiritual. Let us bring our whole selves to contribute to the kingdom of God, including material resources, as a faithful act of hope, trust, and companionship in this community and in the world.

Offertory: "Yesterday, Today, Forever" Burke

***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 these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Pastoral Prayer and 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: "Bind Us Together"** page 425

*Benediction

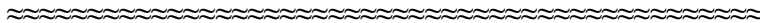
Receive the power of the Holy Spirit and witness to Holy Love in this community, Old Zionsville, PA, USA and to the ends of the earth.

The gospel calls your light forward, as you go, in the world.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Trust and Obey"

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In the World: Service Prayers for the Seventh 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. Dennis Kneisley in memory of Bertha & Raymond Aston.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are given by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kneisley in memory of Sarah & Clyde Martin.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Chris Schell.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Lee & Susan Hoch.

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.

Next Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost Sunday - please wear **RED** clothing to worship for the coming of the **HOLY SPIRIT** - it is also Memorial Day weekend. Come to worship to see the drone presentation of our three cemeteries.

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. Thank you! And thanks to those who have stepped up and volunteered! **Greeters are needed on 8/30 and 12/27.**

All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store will be held on **Monday, May 18 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.

May Soup and Sandwich Sale - Pick-up is Thursday, May 21, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.

Sticky Bun Fundraiser - Pick-up date is Thursday, May 21 from 3:00-5:00pm in the lower Social Hall of the Church.

Confirmation Class Dates: (Classes are on Sundays)

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.

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. **We need 5 people to run the group. Currently we have only 2.**

Jelly Collection – We are collecting jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. We will be collecting through **Sunday, June 7**. Please place your items in the box outside of Pastor's Office.

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 5/24/2026

Friday May 29, 2026, 12 Noon
The New Macungie Family Diner
202 E. Main St., Macungie

Supper Club – RSVP by Sunday 5/31/2026

Wednesday June 3, 2026, 6:00 PM
Hops Fogelsville Hotel
7921 Main St., Fogelsville

Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 6/10/2026

Sunday June 14, 2026, ~ 12 Noon
Mercantile Club
427 Railroad St., Emmaus
CASH ONLY

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 6/21/2026

Friday JUNE 26, 2026, 12 Noon
Hamilton Family Restaurant
2027 Hamilton St., Allentown

Next Sunday is the last day to bring your items for the food pantry challenge. 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. We have a great amount collected so far! Thanks for your support of this project!! Regular Food Pantry collection will continue as usual after May 24, 2026.

Attention Soon-to-be Grads! Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name and the name of the school in the June newsletter. We would love to hear any future plans you would like to share with your church family also. You may call the church office, send us an email, fill out the form included in this bulletin and put it in the secretary's mailbox or drop the form in the offering plate on Sunday morning. **We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 14. A special gift will be given to those who send us their graduation information by May 24.**

Newsflash!!!: Pat Synder's nephew's band is willing to come and perform some Jazz Fusion. What better way to commemorate the 250th birthday of the US than to have a presentation of the uniquely American music form of Jazz! The band's name is "John and Calvin."

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 picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods for sale. *Rain location is Zions Lutheran Church.*

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!

The last day for Sunday School this Spring will be June 7. Classes will resume on September 13. And there is always room for more teachers and more helpers! If you have other questions about Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Lori, Susan Jacobs, or Deb Schoenberger.

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: 3-5pm Soup & Sandwich Pickup
3-5pm Sticky Bun Pickup
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 6:30pm OZUCC Night at Iron Pigs (1st pitch 6:35pm)

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

Next Sunday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, Pentecost Sunday, please wear red for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Last day to contribute to the 50 Days of Easter Food Challenge.

Total Offerings from May 10, 2026:

General Offerings: \$1471.00

Flowers: \$120.00

Sunday School: \$4.00

Pastor's Discretionary: \$20.00

Bldg. Repair: \$105.00

Ben/Missions: \$85.00

Bulletin: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$30.00

Heat/Elec.: \$20.00

Attendance: 53