

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

May 24, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Day of Pentecost
"Who Is Thirsty"

Prelude: "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"

Gottschalk

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

Many: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!

One: How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

Many: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.

One: How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

Many: May our meditation be pleasing to Spirit, Rejoice in the Holy One!

Invocation (unison)

Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kingdom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.

***Hymn: "Spirit Song"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us.

Many: Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.

Words of Grace

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

***Hymn: "Spirit of The Living God"** (verse one only)

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Scripture: John 7:37-39 (page 930) AND Acts 2:1-12 (page 948)

Reflection

Drone Presentation of our Three Cemeteries

***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

Psalm 104:27-28 states, "These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things." As your gathered body, we give and open hands and hearts to share the good things you have given to us. We give in abundance and in sacrifice so that all needs are met. Let us give in thanksgiving and commitment to the church and the world.

Offertory: "Holy Spirit, Fill Me Now"

Smith

***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)

Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kindom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us. 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: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

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***Benediction**

Having been quenched and ignited by Spirit
And united in the waters of the baptized life
Let us go from this gathering as members of the Body of Christ—
Together even when distant
Understanding and understood across difference
Resolved beyond fear and empowered by the Spirit
Joyful in amazement and in mystery
Visioning, prophesying, dreaming
As on the Day of Pentecost

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

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**Who Is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost 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 Craig & Linda Schell in memory of Ruth-Ann Schell.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Souder in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Alyson Miller.

**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.

**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 10/25.**

**Confirmation Class Dates:** (Classes are on Sundays)

May 31: class from Noon to 2 p.m. after worship.

June 21: class from 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 TODAY, 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

**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 on the table in the Narthex 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 give us their graduation information by today, 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 **80<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Worship will begin at 9:30am starting Sunday, July 5 for the summer.**

In June, **Ham & Cheese Sandwiches** will be offered to purchase by our Social & Aid Committee. Ham & Cheese Sandwiches will be \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped 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, June 7, 2026. Pick up will be Thursday, June 18, in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**

**All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store** will be held every **Monday in June 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.

**Week of May 25 through May 31:**

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: Memorial Day
- Tuesday: 7pm Cubs
- Thursday: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: 12 noon Lunch Bunch, New Macungie Diner
- Saturday: 10am-3pm Charity Blanket Making Group, Lower Social Hall

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

**Next Sunday, May 31**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon – 2:00pm Confirmation Class

**Total Offerings from May 17, 2026:**

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| General Offerings: \$2090.00 | Ben/Missions: \$70.00            | Parking: \$20.00  |
| Flowers: \$40.00             | Bulletin: \$10.00                | Memorial: \$25.00 |
| Sunday School: \$5.00        | Pastor's Discretionary: \$250.00 | Cemetery: \$20.00 |
| Attendance: 74               | Heat/Elec.: \$35.00              |                   |