

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

May 31, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Trinity Sunday
“Rest Made Holy”

Prelude: “Be Still, My Soul, for God Is Near”

Joseph

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!

One: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?

One: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!

Invocation (unison)

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. Amen.!

***Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal.

Transformation happens in rest.

Many: Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, the God of Many Names has declared you good. You need not seek perfection. Creator has called you as a co-worker in the continual progressive acts of shaping the beloved community envisioned. The Holy One is with us in our work and with us in our rest. Amen.

***Hymn: "Heal Our Land"** (sing through twice)

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Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4

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Reflection

Drone Presentation of our Three Cemeteries

Invitation to Generosity

Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us.

Offertory: "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

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***Presentation of our Gifts and "We Give Thee but Thine Own"** page 816

**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, Receive our gifts as acts of participation in your continuing creation. 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: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

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*Benediction

Find rest in the love of God
Choose rest by the grace of God
Embrace rest by the power of God
Trust rest because of the provision of God
And know that the God of rest goes with you
To love and serve God's creation.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Deck Thyself with Joy and Gladness"

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Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday 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 the Wedding Anniversary of their daughter, Marianne & Shawn Alliston.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are given by BettyLou Hartman & Family in memory of Francis & his parents Dorothy & Henry Hartman.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Millie Kohler.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Cheryl & McGwire Martucci.

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.

Thanks to all for participating in our 50 days of food collection for the Food Pantry! We collected a whopping 327 items for our food pantry in just these 50 days between Easter and Pentecost! Well done good and faithful servants!

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 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.

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. **Please tell your friends & neighbors. 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.

Supper Club – RSVP by TODAY 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.**

Newsflash!!: Pat Snyder'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!

We need people to help serve the food for lunch at Dillingersville, June 28. Social & Aid is making the food but it is too difficult for them to stand on the uneven grassy area where the food is located. Please speak with Pastor Lori or Annie Souder if you can help. **PLUS, we need helpers to load tables and other things onto trucks on Saturday before Dillingersville June 27.**

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.**

Our New Keystone Conference has an annual Meeting scheduled for June 5 - 7, 2026. Pastor Lori, Kathy Latshaw, and Diane Berger are going to be away for June 5 and 6 to attend this meeting at Millersville University.

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.

Help is needed for our next ATF Giveaway on Monday, July 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 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.

We are part of the UCC Keystone Conference. This means that we are one of the many UCC churches in the state of PA. Recently we were sent information and photos of a fire that destroyed a church in the Pittsburgh area. We will be showing pictures of that church in worship today, May 31, so you can see what has happened. **On Sunday June 7, we will take a Joyful Noise offering to send to this church as a show of our support as a sister church.** The church family was celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their historic building and the 175th anniversary of their congregation. More information will be available in the church newsletter. **Consistory is asking if anyone would like to match the amount collected by our church family in our Joyful Noise offering.** If you have any interest in learning about that, please let Pastor Lori know so she can discuss with you the various ways that can be done. On the day of the Joyful Noise offering, you are welcome to put paper money and checks in the buckets as they pass through the congregation. You may indicate your gift also on your regular

offering envelope or there will be special envelopes available. Thanks in advance for BEING The church of Jesus Christ!

Week of June 1 through June 7:

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

Church Hours: **Thurs.& Fri. 10am-2pm and Sat. 11:30am-1:30pm**
(please note that Ellie will not be in the office on Tues. & Wed.)
(please call before coming to make sure secretary is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store
6pm Scouts
Tuesday: 7pm Cubs
Wednesday: 6-8pm Grief Care, Lower Social Hall
Thursday: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday: Keystone Conference
Saturday: Keystone Conference

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

Next Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (last day until September 13)
10:15 a.m. Worship, Communion
Sandwich Orders Due Today

Total Offerings from May 24, 2026:

General Offerings: \$1613.00	Ben/Missions: \$170.00
Sunday School: \$5.00	Pastor's Discretionary: \$20.00
Heat/Elec.: \$40.00	Pitt. Church Fire: \$30.00
Cemetery: \$60.00	

Attendance: 55