

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 7, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Second Sunday after Pentecost
“Journeyed on by Stages”

Prelude: “Jesus Spreads His Banner O’er Us”

Bartheloman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 33)

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.

Many: The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!

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Many: Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.

Many: Happy are the people who seek God’s counsel, who seek God’s heart, and who seek God’s kindom. Rejoice in the Holy One!

Invocation (unison)

Wonderful God, we delight in your presence. We find shelter in your abiding and enduring love. You humble us, Holy Love, by gathering us as a people. Thank you for being our Companion and Guide on this journey. Receive our songs, prayers, and openness. Nourish us from the fountain of your word and the hospitality of your table. May we find hope and inspiration, courage and direction, community and resolve as we worship you. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy One, through the Prophet Hosea, you declared, "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Many: We confess that, at times, we offer the ritual and routine of religious practices rather than a discerning heart that breaks with compassion and beats for justice. Strengthen us to the tenderness of knowing you, O God, more deeply, loving our neighbors more justly, and embracing our lives more fully.

Words of Grace

Community of Faith, rest assured that renewal and revival is possible and available to us. Let us embrace our rituals to sing even old songs as if they are new, pray routine prayers as if they have been written in our hearts, and join in worship as if this were the first or last time. The Holy One makes all things new, and that may be so in us this day and every day. Amen.

***Hymn: "I Will Serve Thee"** (sing through twice)

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Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

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Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

Let us share the gifts of life and love given to sustain us on the journey. Our generosity strengthens communities and witnesses to the love of God in the world. May our time, talent, and treasure testify to the goodness and abundance of God's creation.

Offertory: "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

Isaak

***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)

Holy One, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts to the work of your kingdom come and our hope that your will be done in our community and world. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Sacrament of Holy Communion

see page 13 of the Communion Booklet

***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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

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***Benediction**

As you go from this gathering,
Find hope in the journey
Cultivate joy in the journey
Give love in the journey
Share peace in the journey
And trust that the God of the journey
Will be with you now and always

***Extinguishing of the Candles**

***Postlude: "Praise the Lord"**

Franck



***Journeyed on by Stages: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost Year A** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

LAST WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS were given by Mr. & Mrs. Dana Walbert in memory of Shirley Walbert.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Linda Benner in memory of Anna & Joseph Benner.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are given by Cyrus Mohr in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Robin Yoder.

TODAY'S GREETER is Larry Stahler.

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.

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. **TODAY, 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. **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. 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!

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches are offered to purchase by our Social & Aid Committee. Ham & Cheese Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms, found in the Narthex, may be dropped in the offering plate **this Sunday** during worship service to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by TODAY, June 7. Pick up will be Thursday, June 18, in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**

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:

You are welcome to go on some field trips with us!

June 19, Friday night. We will go to Temple Beth El in Allentown, South Whitehall Township, to worship with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters. It is a lovely synagogue and the Rabbi will offer us some instruction before we worship. Sadly, they have had to install metal detectors and I have to give them a list of all attendees before we go. The service starts at 6 p.m. and the Rabbi will talk with us at 5:30 p.m. So, departure time from OZUCC is still pending. Let me know if you are interested in going along. It is a wonderful experience. Ask Phil Rhode! He remembers it quite well from when we went with his daughter's confirmation group. No jeans please. Respectful clothing and attitude.

July 25, Saturday. We will travel to Safe Harbor in Easton which is a homeless shelter. We will leave the church around 10:15 a.m. in order to serve them lunch. We will eat with the residents and then play BINGO together. We don't clear our cards until everybody wins at least once! It is fun. We plan to be back at OZUCC around 4 p.m.

July 26, Sunday. We will play BINGO after 9:30 a.m. church at OZUCC. We will clear our cards after at least 3 people win. There will be many varied prizes and we will be serving some breakfast foods. There will be a bake sale too. Please consider donating to our bake sale. It can be homemade granola, trail mix, jello gigglers, rice krispy treats, fruit salad, or anything you like. You don't have to heat your oven unless you want to! The money from the bake sale will be used by the class to buy a gift for the church. BINGO and breakfast food will be FREE. Plan to stay a little while after worship to have some fellowship with our church family.

Next Confirmation Class:

Sunday, June 21: class Noon to 2 p.m. after worship

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

The time of Worship service will change from 10:15am to 9:30am on Sunday, July 5th for the months of July and August.

Sadly, we had to cancel this session of Old Zionsville UCC's Grief Care. Stay tuned for a future session.

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

Congratulations to our Graduate Sarah Hoch!! Join us in worship on June 14 to learn about her future plans!

Join us for the **80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, June 28, 2026**. Please see further information in the **flyer in the June Newsletter and on the table in the Narthex**.

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.

Week of June 8 through June 14:

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

Church Hours: Tuesday 11:30am-1:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-2pm
(please call before coming to make sure secretary is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store
 6pm Scouts
Tuesday: 7pm FUN Group
Wednesday: 7pm Finance
Thursday: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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

Next Sunday, June 14

10:15 a.m. Worship, Graduate Recognition Day

12:00 Noon Sunday Brunchers, Mercantile Club

Total Offerings from May 31, 2026:

General Offerings: \$1060.00	Pastor's Discretionary: \$20.00
Sunday School: \$7.00	Flowers: \$30.00
Ben/Missions: \$40.00	Pitt. Church Fire: \$125.00

Attendance: 45