

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

June 14, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Third Sunday after Pentecost
"Shall I Be Fruitful?"

Prelude: "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Irvine

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 116)

One: We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

Many: With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!

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Many: Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!

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Many: With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise the Holy One!

Invocation (unison)

God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship. We are here to sing and to pray, to let the word resound in us and the community to envelop us. We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you. We enter with thanksgiving and praise. We enter in safety of love and hope of peace. Holy One, we respond to your call. We are here. Amen.

*Hymn: "All for Jesus"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our

shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life.

Many: Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kingdom. Amen.

Words of Grace

Gracious ones, you may receive the nourishment and encouragement of God to be fruitful even when the Holy One amazes us beyond expectation and dream. God is with us in season and out of season. Expect an abundant and bountiful harvest to witness to God's grace at work in and through us. Amen.

***Hymn: "Into My Heart"** (sing through twice)

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Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

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Reflection

Celebration of our Graduate

Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us? God calls us to live fruitful and faithful lives that witness to and spread the good news of the kingdom in the world. God provides for our needs abundantly so that all may flourish. May we use the bounty that we receive as gifts to share rather than as resources to hoard. Let generosity, trust, and hope guide us to support the ministry of this faith community and the wider church.

Offertory: "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

Peace

***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)

**Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give.
Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience
communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. 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

***Benediction**

May laughter and love fill your heart
And joy and peace flow like a mighty river from you
As you share the glory of God in hope and peace
Boasting in the goodness of God
And delighting in the wonders of God
As you work the harvest of the kingdom
Go, and be fruitful in the power of God

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "The Solid Rock"

Bradbury



Shall I Be Fruitful?: Service Prayers for the Third 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.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ritter in honor of their 26th Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heil in memory of our fathers, Harvey Heil & John Harry.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Jane Bedell.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk.

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.



Congratulations to our Graduate Sarah Hoch!!

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

Thanks to all of you who donated to the **50 Days of Food Challenge. 327 items were collected for the Food Pantry!** The Keystone Conference Churches, 507 together, collected 39,328 items for Food Pantries around PA!

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 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. 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. **Please let Pastor Lori know if you are planning to join the Confirmation Class on this event.** We will need to leave from the church or you can drive your family on your own to be there before 5:30 p.m. when we meet with the Rabbi. MapQuest says it will take about 30 minutes to get there depending on traffic. **Temple Beth El, 1305 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.** *You can't get in unless you register your name with Pastor Lori.*

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 giggles, 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, Noon to 2 p.m. after worship

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

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

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 6/21/2026

Friday June 26, 2026, 12 Noon

Hamilton Family Restaurant

2027 Hamilton St., Allentown

Join us for the **80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, June 28, 2026.** Please see further information in the **flyer in this bulletin, 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 15 through June 21:

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 Consistory
Wednesday: (Time TBA) Choir Rehearsal
Thursday: 3-5pm Sandwich pickup, Lower Social Hall

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

Next Sunday, June 21

10:15 a.m. Worship (last 10:15 a.m. worship)
12:00-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Total Offerings from June 7, 2026:

General Offerings: \$2203.00	Pastor's Discret.: \$20.00
Sunday School: \$7.00	Flowers: \$40.00
Ben/Missions: \$90.00	Joyful Noise: \$339.89
Comm.: \$74.00	Bldg. Repair: \$115.00

Attendance: 48

Sermon Series for the Summer will be *Women in the Bible*.

***Join us for the 80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage on
Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:30AM!***

7226 School House Lane in Zionsville

Experience an outdoor service under a large tent, surrounded by the beauty of nature at the historic 1841 stone schoolhouse. The combined Lutheran, Mennonite, and U.C.C. congregations will gather for a service at 10:30 a.m.

*Worship will be followed by a **picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods for sale.***

*At 12:30PM we will be treated to an improvisational performance by guitarists **John and Calvin**, local musicians who will be playing a variety of songs you'll be sure to recognize. Relax and enjoy the music as you take in the beautiful surroundings. This unique concert will be a highlight you won't want to miss!*

*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 28 **OR** for more information or to get your donation to the church before June 28, please contact Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522.*

We need people to help serve the food for lunch at Dillingersville, June 28. Please speak with Pastor Lori or Annie Souder if you can help.

We need helpers to load tables and other things onto trucks on Saturday, June 27, before Dillingersville.

Thank you!!