

WELCOME TO
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<u>David Carlson</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>July 12, 2026</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>

**those who are able may stand*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
"Miriam"

Prelude: "Near to the Heart of God"

McAfee

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 13)

One: We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

Many: We gather even when wearied by the world because we trust in God's steadfast love.

One: Our souls may ask, "How long, Holy One?" Yet our hearts rejoice in your saving acts.

Many: We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because we hope in God's steadfast love.

One: We gather to sing to the Holy One who has been generous with us.

Many: Our worship and our work testifies to the goodness of the God who prevails. Let us worship the God of Life!

Invocation (unison)

God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. We glorify your name, for you, Holy and Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation. We open our hearts and minds to remember the testimonies of the past and to receive the truth revealed in your word for the present. May you delight in our praise as we honor you and encourage one another in the journey of faithful living. Amen.

***Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you.

Many: We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful service who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.

Words of Grace

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. There is water in the desert, and the Sovereign God will continue to provide. Receive the grace of God.

***Hymn: "We Are an Offering"**

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Scripture: Exodus 2:5-8; Ex. 15:19-27; & Numbers 12 pages 46, 59, 125-126

Reflection: Miriam

Special Music by Neil Harrison

Invitation to Generosity

God is still creating and still providing. Let us honor the continued and new gifts of God's generosity by bringing forth a portion of what we receive so that all needs will be met. Let us participate in the realization of the kingdom through offering material resources to the Body of Christ.

Offertory: "Blessed Be the Name"

Hudson

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

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**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 the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors just as you provided for Moses and the Israelites. Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kingdom. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer (seated/spoken)

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: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

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*Benediction

Be confident that the Holy One will provide
For the promise of God is trustworthy
And the presence of God is enduring
Therefore, show up in the world
With boldness and clarity
That justice and righteousness will prevail
In the name of Holy Love and Everlasting Peace
May it be so for you and through you.

*Threefold Amen

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Bourgeois

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***It Shall Be Provided: Service Prayers for the Fifth 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. Jonathan Kunkel in honor of their 18<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by the Lee & Susan Hoch Family in memory of Ezra Hoch.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Kathy Latshaw.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Les & Deb Schoenberger.

***Please join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. today for a brief service of remembrance, celebration, and communion, as we give thanks for the Life of Ron Wetherhold. All are welcome.***

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.

**Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. during July and August.**

**The Sermon Series for this Summer, Women in the Bible,** began on Sunday, July 5 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Pastor Lori has picked 10 women in the Bible that we will focus on, one per week. Here they are: **Hagar, Dorcas, Miriam, Lydia, Jezebel, Deborah, Priscilla, Phoebe, Eve, and Esther.** Most of them are "good girls" except for one or maybe two. See you in worship so we can decide together.

**July Sandwich Sale. Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** will be offered to purchase in July by our Social and Aid Committee. Ham and Cheese sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms, which may be found in this bulletin or in the Narthex, may be dropped off 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 TODAY, July 12, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, July 23, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**

### **Confirmation Class:**

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

**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 giggers, 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.

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

**All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store** will be held on Monday July 20 & 27 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 Sherri Harrison.

**Help is needed for our 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 11 for set up. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Sherri Harrison. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church.

**Sunday Brunchers, Lunch Bunch, and Supper Club will not meet in July and August. Please join us in the Fall!**

**We are planning to print a new membership directory in August.** If your address, email address, or phone number has changed recently, please be sure to let us know by calling or emailing the church office.

We have **2 almost new car booster seats for children** under 7 years old. See Pastor Lori if you can use them. **FREE**

**OZUCC is joining the Lehigh Conference of Churches in their 4th Annual Back-to-School Drive.** Last day for donations is Aug. 2. There is a box on the bench outside my office for your contributions. Just a thought: Staples is having a school supply sale right now where most needed items are 25 cents each. The needed item list is in your newsletter but here are the highlights: #2 pencils, pencil cases, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, markers, crayons, colored pencils, folders, rulers and a few more items if you wish to provide them. The offices of the Conference of Churches are in Allentown and the supplies will be distributed at a BASH there later in August. Thanks in advance for your support.

**250 Years of America! Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026 at Lenape Park. See flyer in the Narthex.** All of the churches have been asked to help prepare activities for the children throughout the afternoon. **If anyone has some ideas of games or team activities that we can play we are looking for ideas and volunteers.** Some colonial games suggested so far include: Hoop rolling, Hopscotch, Spinning Tops, Tug of War, Button on a String.

**Here is the tentative time schedule for Sept. 5:**

**Parade starts at the Historical Society and marches to Lenape Park - approx. noon to 12:30 p.m.** There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the park.

Children's activities from **1 - 5 p.m.**, including a Petting Zoo from **2 - 4 p.m.**, a Balloon artist, games, and other fun activities.

Old Time Music **1 - 3 p.m.**, Kelly Planer and The Perks **3 - 5 p.m.**

**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.**

**Our Social Media Coordinator has revamped our Web Page!** Check it out and see if you can find some interesting facts or things that you didn't know about our church! [www.oldzionsucc.org](http://www.oldzionsucc.org)

**Week of July 13 through July 19:**

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: 4-6pm ATF Giveaway  
6pm Scouts  
7pm Music & Worship Committee  
Tuesday: 7pm FUN Group  
Wednesday: 7pm Finance Committee  
Saturday: 10am-12pm ATF Giveaway

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

**Next Sunday, July 19**

9:30 a.m. Worship

**Total Offerings from July 5, 2026:**

General Offerings: \$2268.00  
Ben/Missions: \$140.00  
Bulletin: \$10.00  
Pastor's Discretionary: \$100.00  
Comm.: \$78.00  
Cemetery: \$10.00  
Memorial: \$500.00

Attendance: 28