

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

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Organist

July 19, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
"Deborah"

Prelude: "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Irvine

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 45)

One: In joy and gladness, enter the presence of the Sovereign One who rules and reigns over all creation. Worship the Holy One!

Many: The voice of the Holy One is powerful and gracious, loving and challenging, compassionate and convicting.

One: In joy and gladness, receive the fresh wind of the Spirit who ignites our hearts and connects us to one another. Worship the Holy Spirit!

Many: The voice of the Holy Spirit gives wisdom, discernment, comfort, and confirmation.

One: In joy and gladness, follow the path of the Embodied One. Worship God With Us!

Many: The voice of God With Us models for us what to say and how to live. Praise God!

Invocation (unison)

God of all nations and all peoples, bless us as we gather in your name. Open us as vessels in building your kingdom and spreading the good news of life and liberty. May we drink from the well of your abundance. May our cups overflow with your love. May our hearts burn in your presence. Be with us in this time and place. Amen.

***Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy One, we come before you from different perspectives. Some come in a spirit of celebration. Others bring lament and despair.

Many: All of us benefit from the power of transformed lives, individually, relationally, and communally. We pray in the assurance that new life is available. We ask for the strength, courage, and persistence to seek your kingdom, peace, justice, and righteousness in any and all circumstances and for all people and creation. Amen.

Words of Grace

The God of the covenant is still with us. By the power of the Spirit, we receive the fruit necessary to fuel our shared commitment and commission to building the world as God would have it over the world we inherit. God has given us everything we need to contribute, including the community of faith so that we do not labor alone.

***Hymn: "You Are My All in All"**

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Scripture: Judges 4, Hebrews 11:32

pages 211-212, 1051

Reflection: Deborah

Invitation to Generosity

The Holy One gives gifts beyond measure or compare. The Holy One gives with abundance and generosity. The Holy One has provided for every need and invites us to ensure equitable, faithful, and mutual sharing so that no one needs to experience a lack of resources. Let us give from the well of abundance to honor God's faithfulness and to demonstrate trust in God's provision.

Offertory: "O Perfect Love"

Hustad

***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)

Giving God, make us a people who not only receive your gifts, but empower us to give in mutual measure so that all needs are met. Bless these gifts and amplify their impact as a witness to your goodness and so all may flourish in your name. 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: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

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*Benediction

As you go,
Celebrate liberty and pursue justice
Pray for the land on which you are planted
And open space for neighbors seeking a home
Remember the challenges and blessings of the past
Work for the promise and hope of the future
Knowing that the God of the Covenant
Lives, reigns, and abides with us
As the journey continues
Go in peace and go for peace
To love and to serve.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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***Drink: Service Prayers for the Sixth 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 BULLETINS** are sponsored by Patricia Sajkowicz in memory of Emily & Carlton Dreas.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Nancy Civitts.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Randy & Sharon Trexler.

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 Sandwich 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.

**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 250 Years of America on 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 20 through July 26:**

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

Thursday: 3-5pm Sandwich order pickup, Lower Social Hall

Saturday: 10:15am Confirmation Class to Safe Harbor, Easton  
(Leave from the church)

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

### **Next Sunday, July 26**

9:30 a.m. Worship

After Worship: Bingo with Confirmation Class

**Total Offerings from July 12, 2026:**

General Offerings: \$1901.00

Ben/Missions: \$55.00

Heat/Electric: \$10.00

Music & Worship: \$30.00

Cemetery: \$40.00

Attendance: 53