

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

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Organist

August 2, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Jezebel”

Prelude: “O Lord, Most Holy”
Welcome and Announcements

Franck

Call to Worship (inspired by Genesis 28, Psalm 139 and Romans 8)

One: The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

Many: The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

One: The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Many: Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!

One: The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

Many: The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

Invocation (unison)

Holy Love, God of Sarah and Rebekah, we come before you knowing you go before us and you keep us in safety. We come to this place in space and time across distance and difference as your offspring to receive an inheritance of your promise and to renew our lives in your covenant. Let our spirits receive your word and our hearts ignite with your compassion, mercy, and righteousness. Let your kingdom spread in us and through us as we worship and follow you. Amen.

***Hymn: “Living for Jesus”**

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous God, test us and stretch us, strengthen us in your truth and justice, fortify us with resolve and power so that we might be the

people you have called us to be.

Many: Holy One, even beyond forgiveness, we seek transformation. Renew our minds, open our hearts, and release our hands to repair, reconcile, and restore in your name. Keep us from being the cause of suffering. Equip us to be agents of healing. Make us attentive to your presence. Attune us to your will. Lead us on the path you have paved before us so that the grace we receive will sow seeds of redemption and healing in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace

Offspring of the Divine, live in your power and purpose as beneficiaries of the new covenant and conspirators of God's liberating work and impact in the world. Receive God's forgiveness and move beyond shame and judgment to new life and right relationships with the Holy One and neighbor.

***Hymn: "Bind Us Together"**

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Scripture: 1 Kings 16:30-33, 1 Kings 21, 2 Kings 9:30-37 pages 310-311,
315-316, 330

Reflection: Jezebel

Invitation to Generosity

God's gifts are generous and abundant. Give in the spirit of sufficiency and trust that God has provided for all of our needs. Our gifts enable us to share abundance so that all may feast and rejoice in God's creation.

Offertory: "Communion Meditation"

DuBois

***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)

Holy One, may these gifts reflect our trust in you and your provision. Magnify them for your purpose and grant us discernment to be caretakers of the resources entrusted to us. Amen.

Song: "Come to the Table of Grace"

See insert

Service of Holy Communion (Communion booklet page 9)

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: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**

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***Benediction** (Inspired by Matthew 13)

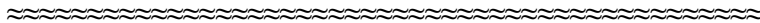
In God, promises are not contained. They overflow.
Therefore, as you go from this time of communal worship
Return as participants in the communal witness
To spread the overwhelming love of God
To spread the overarching peace of God
And to spread the overcoming hope of God
Like good seeds, sowing and planting a future
That will shine like the sun in the kingdom of God

***Song: "Go Now in Peace"** (unison)

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.**

***Postlude: "Fugue in G Minor"**

Bach



You Shall Spread: Service Prayers for the Eighth 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 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shoemaker in
memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Les Schoenberger.

TODAY'S GREETERS are To Be Determined 😊

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 begins at 9:30 a.m. during August.

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

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.

*****The small parking lot near the parsonage is being resealed on Tuesday, August 4th and probably will not be useable until Friday, August 7th.*****

August Sandwich Sale. Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in August by our Social and Aid Committee. **Sandwiches are \$5.00 each.** Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms, which may be found 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 at 610-966-5242 to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by Sunday, August 9, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, August 20, 2026 between 3:00-5:00pm in our downstairs Social Hall.**

Confirmation Class:

August 2, Sunday. Confirmation Class will be meeting **TODAY** from 10:30am to 12 Noon.

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

All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store will be held on every Monday in August 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 August. Please join us in the Fall! Information forthcoming in the September Newsletter.

We are planning to print a new membership directory this month. 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.

OZUCC is joining the Lehigh Conference of Churches in their 4th Annual Back-to-School Drive. Last day for donations is **TODAY** Aug. 2. There is a box on the bench outside Pastor Lori's office for your contributions. 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.** **If you can help, even for only an hour, please let Pastor Lori know.** 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.**

The annual Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th this year. Faith Uniting Neighbors Group would greatly appreciate a volunteer(s) from the congregation to solicit donations for the baskets from area businesses. Please see the **August Newsletter** for more information and resources. Thanks!

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

Week of August 3 through August 9:

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: Small Parking Lot Resealed

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

Next Sunday, August 9:

9:30 a.m. Worship

Sandwich Orders Due

**July 26 offering information will be reported in the Sunday,
August 9th Bulletin.**

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Come to the Table of Grace

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Come to the ta - ble of grace.

B♭ C F C

Come to the ta - ble of grace.

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This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

F/C C7 F F

Come to the ta - ble of grace.



Psalm 113:3
From the rising of the
sun unto the going
down of the same the
LORD'S name is
to be praised.