

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

July 27th, 2025

9:30 a.m

**those who are able may stand*

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

The Apostle Thomas

Prelude: "Jesus, I Come"

Stebbins

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 85)

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Restore us, O God, and stir anger within for the pain and injustices of the world.

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Revive us, O God, and bring joy to our hearts and a song of praise on our lips.

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Redeem us, O God, and call your people back to you in spirit and in truth.

Invocation (unison)

One Who Is Holy, make us like new, show us your way, teach us to pray with our hearts and our hands. Give us the word today that we need to know you. Give us hope today to be a beacon in a world full of lost and confused. Give us joy today to make your name known. Give us peace today to respond with courage, fortitude, and conviction. Give us love today to love as you have loved us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "I have Decided to Follow Jesus

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Unison)

One: God Who Reigns in Glory and meets us in need, we seek your forgiveness and restoration.

Many: We drown in a system of debt rather than generosity and common good. May our obligations not burden us, and may we not burden others when compassion is abundantly available. We struggle not to encroach on our neighbor's territory when boundaries are arbitrary and limiting rather than purposeful and expansive. Help us turn from sin and temptation as well as guilt and shame when we struggle to live fully in your kindom. Amen.

Words of Grace

Offspring of the Living God, live in the grace of the kindom. Receive the vision of restored creation: abundance, compassion, generosity, and inclusion. Live in your full humanity as image bearers of the Holy.

*Hymn: "Trust and Obey

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(verses 1, 3, 4 only)

Scriptures: John 20: 24-29

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John 21: 1-13

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Reflection: Thomas

Special Music

Invitation of Generosity:

The Holy One invites us to participate in meeting the needs of the day. Let us give generosity to the ministry of this faith community as we share good gifts through acts of compassion and mutual aid.

Offertory: "In Tenderness He Sought Me"

Gordon

*Presentation of the Offering and The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Our God in Glory, may the good gifts we bring of time, talent, and treasure be used and magnified for the benefit of your beloved. Thank you, Holy One, for enabling us to join in your kindom come on earth. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Be Strong in the Lord"

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*Benediction

Go, into the world
Proclaiming the many names of the Sovereign God
Living the lessons of Good News
Sharing in support and solidarity
Opening doors
And giving good gifts.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Trust and Obey"

Towner



Teach Us: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 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 sponsored by daughter Linda Benner in memory of Mom Anna Benner

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Souder in memory of loved ones

TODAY'S GREETER is Chris Schell

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Millie Kohler

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.

All Things Free Room (ATF) Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, July 28 at **9:00am**. If you have any questions please call or text Millie Kohler.

A Message from ATF: Although it is only July, we are looking ahead to our November 10th and 15th Christmas giveaways, where three of our food pantry clients shop for family Christmas gifts. We appreciate any and all new or re-gifted items you might consider donating to us for their shopping. We are looking for items for all ages; infants thru adults. Our volunteers will happily shop for those of you that prefer donating money towards our mission. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sunday Brunchers will meet at The Merc on Sunday, August 17th after worship. Please RSVP for these events with Mark or Linda Weaver. **All are Welcome!**

August Sandwich orders are due on Sunday, August 10th. The Pickup date is Thursday, August 21st from 3:30-5:30 pm. Order forms can be in your bulletins or on the ends of the pews.

Worship for the summer is at 9:30 a.m.

Week of July 27-August 2, 2025:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.
Other times by appointment

Church Secretary Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11am-2pm
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)
Check out your newsletter to learn more about our new secretary.
Ellie is in training with Alyson and will officially start ASAP.

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

ATF Sort and Store- Monday @ 9am

Next Sunday—9:30 am worship, Communion

Total Offerings from July 20, 2025:

General Offerings: \$1,334

Pastor's Discretionary fund- \$90.00

Mission: \$175

Cemetery: \$10.00

Building Repair: \$20

Attendance – 45

August 10th, David Carlson will be on vacation. We are grateful to have Beth Eck with us to provide music that day.

Old Zionsville UCC
P.O. Box 215, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

August Sandwich Sale

For the summer months, June, July, August and September the Social and Aid Committee will only be making and selling **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Pickups will be on a Thursday so you will be able to sell sandwiches at work and deliver them for lunch on Friday! Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please indicate below how many you would like. Make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped in the offering plate any Sunday during Worship Service; call or email the Church office (610-966-3601), ozuccoffice@ptd.net; or Annie Souder at 610-966-5242 to place your orders. Keep the bottom for your records if you sell to others. Proceeds will be split between the Church and the Cemetery Association to help pay bills.

Orders must be received by Sunday, August 10th, 2025.

Pick up will be Thursday, August 21st, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches: _____

at \$5.00 each: \$_____



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