

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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<u>September 13, 2026</u>	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>

**those who are able may stand*

Live For Jesus

Prelude: "Prayer"	Smart
Welcome and Announcements	
Lighting of the Candles	

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Holy One! Bless God's holy name!

Many: Bless God our Healer, Redeemer, and Friend.

One: Bless the Holy One! Remember the works of God.

Many: Bless the God who saves us, loves us, and forgives us.

One: Bless the Holy One! Bless the God of life and justice!

Many: Bless the One whose love and mercy endure but whose anger does not. Bless God, O our souls!

Invocation (unison):

God of Heaven and Earth, we bask in your presence. We thank you for being our Companion and Counselor. Receive our praise, thanksgiving, worship, and petitions. You are the object and center of our worship so we fix our attention on you. We remember your awesome acts. We worship you for who you are. Amen.

***Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"** page 563

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (inspired by Romans 14)

One: Holy One, you have given us companions in life, family, friends, and neighbors.

Many: As Romans 14:7-8 reminds us, "For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or

whether we die, we are the Lord's." Help us live in ways that reflect your goodness, righteousness, and truth. Help us to love our neighbors with the fullness of shared life, accountability, and community. Help us repair what has been damaged, redeem what has been lost, and restore what has been broken for your name's sake. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, God blesses us with the gift of accountability so that we need not settle for forgiveness that trivializes harm, ignores the need for repair, and leaves relationships fractured. God has given us accountability so that we may be transformed both individually and collectively—offender and offended, perpetrator and survivor—for restoration, reconciliation, and righteousness. Receive the conjoined gifts of accountability and forgiveness. Amen

***Hymn: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"**

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Scripture: Romans 14:1-12

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Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

As we benefit from the treasures of a bountiful creation, the Holy One charges us to remember our roles as caretakers and our responsibilities as recipients of God's good and perfect gifts. Let us hold ourselves accountable by giving freely, generously, and cheerfully to the redemptive, restorative work of God's church.

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)

Generous God, magnify the offerings we bring and may they be fruitful for the nurture and care of creation, the faithfulness of your church, and the needs of the communities and world we inhabit. Be glorified through our generosity. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Sing: "Come to The Table of Grace"

(see insert)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(page 11 in the Book of Communion Liturgy)

***The Lord's Prayer** (sung/standing)

All: 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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn: "Nearer, My God, To Thee"**

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***Benediction**

May the blessings of God empower you.

May the accountability of God transform you.

May the mercy and forgiveness of God release you.

May the love of God embolden you.

May the peace of God assure you.

And, may the grace you receive be the grace you extend.

***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: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"**

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***To Settle Accounts: Service Prayers for the Sixteenth 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 The Richards-Brown Family in memory of Jack, Elizabeth & Doris Brown.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Barbara Dreas in honor of the birthdays of son, Jeff, and grandsons, Dan, Darren & Tristan.

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

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Marvin & Barbara Kerchner.

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.

**Confirmation Sunday is next Sunday, September 20, at the 10:15am service.**

**Choir Rehearsal.** Thursday, September 17, 7:30pm. All welcome!!!

**September Sandwich Sale.** Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in September by our Social and Aid Committee. **Sandwiches are \$5.00 each.** Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped off in the offering plate **TODAY** during worship service. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **\*\*\*Orders must be received by TODAY, Sunday, September 13, 2026.\*\*\* Pick-up will be Thursday, September 24, 2026 between 3:00-5:00pm in our downstairs Social Hall.**

**All Things Free Giveaway** is Monday, September 14, 4:00–6:00pm and Saturday, September 19, 10:00am–12:00pm. For further information, please contact Sherri Harrison.

**All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store** will be held on Monday, September 21 & 28 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.

**A Message from ATF:** We continually look for new and/or regifting items throughout the year that can be used as gifts at our November giveaway when food pantry clients shop for Christmas gifts for their family (all ages). Please consider helping us accumulate a variety of items. If you prefer not to shop but are willing to support us with a monetary donation, we will gladly do bargain shopping for you. Thanks in advance for helping any way you can!

**New church directory available!** New directories of church members' and friends' names and contact information are available beginning TODAY, September 13. If you would like a copy they can be found on the tables in the Narthex or you may call the church office at 610-966-3601 to make your request. This information is provided for you to make your membership and connecting with others easier. Please keep this information in your possession. We don't post it on the internet for fear others will steal it and use it for ill purposes. We thank you in advance for helping to protect us all.

**Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 9/16/2026**

Sunday September 20, 2026, ~ 12 Noon

Mercantile Club

427 Railroad St., Emmaus

CASH ONLY

**Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 9/20/2026**

Wednesday September 23, 2026, 12 Noon

(Note: Change to Wednesday for September ONLY due to conflicting dates)

Powderbourn Sportsman's Club

2071 Baus Road, East Greenville (Pennsburg)

**Light in the Night** will be happening at the Township Building on Oct. 18, from 4-6 p.m. Helpers are always needed to create a fun time for the children who come for an indoor Halloween time. Speak with Pastor Lori if you can help. Thanks!

**The annual Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **September 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.**

**Week of September 14 through September 20:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 10am-3pm.  
(other times by appointment)

Church Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 11:30am-1:30pm  
(The secretary is away this Tues. and Wed.)  
(please call before coming to make sure secretary is in the office)

Monday: 4-6pm ATF Giveaway  
6pm Scouts  
7pm Property  
Tuesday: 7pm Consistory  
Thursday: 7:30pm Choir  
Saturday: 10am-12pm ATF Giveaway

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

**Next Sunday, September 20:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship, **Confirmation Sunday**  
~12 Noon Sunday Brunchers, Mercantile Club

**Total Offerings from September 6, 2026:**

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| General Offerings: \$1943.00  | Heat/Electric: \$30.00   |
| OCWM: \$150.00                | Bldg. Repair: \$20.00    |
| Comm: \$37.00                 | Disaster Relief: \$50.00 |
| Pastor Discretionary: \$20.00 | Cemetery: \$30.00        |

Attendance: 49

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# Come to the Table of Grace

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Come to the ta - ble of grace.

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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.