

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

Sally Rosynek

Organist

October 18, 2026

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Harvest Home

Prelude: "Prayer"

"In the Chapel"

"Chorus of Thanks"

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 17)

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye, O God.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast peace.

One: Hide me in the shadow of your wings, Divine Spirit.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast strength.

One: I behold your face in righteousness, Christ of Hope.

Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast love.

Invocation (unison)

God of Love, Divine Traveler,

We see only a fraction of your presence, God. We know you only in part, as we experience this world with our senses, our experiences, and what is tangibly in front of us. How does the sacredness of each earthly breath draw us closer to your presence on this side of Heaven? May we grasp the beauty of this world, even on the gloomy days. May we cherish our relationships here on earth even when times are challenging. May we know that God is forever present with us and will care for us as we arrive at our eternal home on the other side of Heaven. Amen.

***Hymn: "Bringing in the Sheaves"**

See insert on last page of bulletin

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God of the Heavenly Winds and Earthy Air,
So often, we concern ourselves about the afterlife.

Many: We wonder who will be there, what we need to believe, and more. Yet, on this side of heaven, in your earthly Realm, there are many still hurting from the pains accumulated in this life. From illnesses to poverty, and from the lack of kindness to the overwhelming injustices, we overlook the needs of our siblings. Open our hearts to the gaps happening in our world. Allow us to be more compassionate and less judgmental about our neighbors who need additional help. Help us to set aside our worries about the afterlife as we know you will care for us there and then. Amen.

Words of Grace

Even when we are overwhelmed by our thoughts of life after death, God shares hope. May God's grace transform us here in this world as we build the Realm of God here on earth. Amen.

*Hymn: "We Are So Blessed"

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Scripture: Matthew 22: 15-22

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Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

We have our minds set to our time after this life. Yet God is calling us to care for our communities and churches here on this side of Heaven. May we name the ways we can create Heaven on earth for our neighbors. By using our talents, treasures, and time, may we seek to build safety and sanctuary for all of God's children.

Offertory: "Tranquil Waters"

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*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

God of Infinite Love,

**Through our gifts, we create glimmers here on this side of Heaven.
Through our treasures, time, and talents, we nurture your Realm.
We provide for our neighbors who lack basic necessities and who look for inclusion of their souls. May Heaven be a place that we can experience throughout our lives as we breathe the invigorating air of your Spirit. With gratitude, we celebrate our gifts from you and dedicate our gifts to bring peace to this earth. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

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

All: 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: "On Eagle's Wings"**

See insert

***Benediction**

As we abide together on this side of Heaven,
May the Christ of Hope lead us to righteousness and justice,
May the Spirit of Strength fill our hearts with courage,
May God, our Joyful Creator, graciously settle our hearts with peace.
May we find ourselves on journeys seeking glimmers of paradise and the presence of the Divine among us. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Candles

***Postlude: "Jesus Is a Rock"**

Arr. by Rob Roy Peery

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***God of the Living: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*** was written by  
Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paula Lilly in memory of her husband, Howard E. Lilly.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN** is sponsored by Paula Lilly in honor of her children.

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

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Larry Stahler.

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 (ATF) Sort & Store** will be held every Monday in October 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.

**Chicken Corn soup with Homemade noodles** along with Ham and Cheese sandwiches **pick-up will be Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 3:00-5:00pm in our Lower Social Hall.**

## **Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 10/25/2026**

Friday October 30, 2026, 12 Noon

Chino's Place

7567 Chestnut St. (Rt 29/100), Zionsville (Near Hereford)

**Harvest Home will be celebrated TODAY, Oct. 18 and also Oct. 25.** You may bring items for the display anytime. Food items are always accepted in the shopping cart in the upper social hall. Thanks in advance.

**TODAY, Oct. 18 at the Upper Milford Township Building, the community led by the Mennonite church will have Light in the Night.** The event runs from **4 - 6 p.m.** and is always great fun with the families who bring their costumed children for a safe time inside with food, games, and crafts.

**Sunday, Oct. 25 in worship at 10:15 a.m. we will celebrate All Saints Day.** We will light candles for those who have died this past year. Be present to welcome the loved ones who will be attending. I heard from Cheryl Smith today that she plans to attend.

## **Food Pantry Support for Thanksgiving**

OZUCC is being asked to supply 90 cans of FRENCH Style Green Beans for Thanksgiving, so we are asking you, please, to bring cans of FRENCH Style Green Beans to the church by **October 25**. You may leave them on the bench outside of Pastor Lori's office. Thanks so much!!!

**Bosco's Friends Helping Friends on October 21.** Please see the October Newsletter for information about this shopping event sponsored by Grace United Church of Christ or talk to Angela Stahler.

**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 **October Newsletter** for more information and resources. Thanks!

**Rev. Dr. Nora Driver Foust**, Association Conference Minister for the Mountain Valley Conference will be preaching at OZUCC on Sunday, November 15 at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please join us!

**Annual Report –** Committee Chairs please have your Reports in the office no later than **Sunday, October 25, 2026**. Information to include should be from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. Reports will be handed out at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2026. Thank you!

**The Annual Congregational Meeting and The Annual Cemetery Association Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 13th immediately following worship.** Our Consistory is looking to fill four spots this year. If you would like more information, please speak with Cheryl Martucci, Chris Schell, or Pastor Lori.

Terms are two years and on-the-job training is provided. Previous experience is not necessary, however, if you would like to sign on to serve again, that is terrific. Each member of the church may serve after not having been on Consistory for one year. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration.

**New church directory available!** New directories of church members' and friends' names and contact information are available. 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.

**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 12/27.**

### **Week of October 19 through October 25:**

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

Church Hours: Tues. 11:30am-1:30pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-2pm  
(please call before coming to make sure the secretary is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store  
6pm Scouts

Tuesday: 7pm Consistory

Wednesday: 9am-2pm Learning Garden

Thursday: 3-5pm Soup & Sandwich Pickup, Lower Social Hall  
7:30pm Choir

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

## **Next Sunday, October 25: Harvest Home 2**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, **All Saints Day**

**Annual Reports Due in Church Office**

### **Total Offerings from October 4, 2026:**

General Offerings: \$2325.00

Bulletin: \$10.00

OCWM: \$15.00

Comm.: \$58.00

Flowers: \$40.00

Bldg. Repair: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$20.00

Attendance: 52

### **Total Offerings from October 11, 2026:**

General Offerings: \$2080.00

Bulletin: \$10.00

OCWM: \$75.00

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Flowers: \$40.00

Bldg. Repair: \$80.00

Heat/Elec.: \$55.00

Sunday School: \$9.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 48

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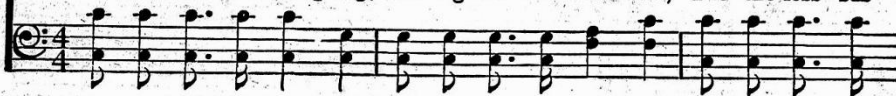


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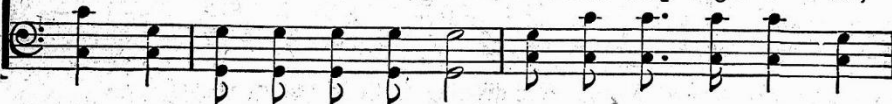
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1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow-ing in the
2. Sow-ing in the sun-shine, sow-ing in the shad-ows, Fear-ing nei-ther
3. Go-ing forth with weep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas-ter, Tho' the loss sus-



noon-tide and the dew-y eve; Wait-ing for the har-vest,  
clouds nor win-ter's chill-ing breeze; By and by the har-vest,  
tained our spir-it oft-en grieves; When our weep-ing's o-ver,



and the time of reap-ing, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
and the la-bor end-ed, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
He will bid us wel-come, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.



## CHORUS



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