

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

January 22, 2023

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**“Recognize Greatness”**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

**Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.**

One: We seek God’s face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

**Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.**

One: We call out for God’s grace, strength, and guidance.

**Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God’s greatness.**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

**Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We’re grateful to find you. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (all verses) p.2

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will, and way?

**Many: How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from the realm of your kingdom? How long have you waited for us to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan, and purpose.**

#### Words of Grace

The One who creates us in the divine image knows how tempted we may be to consider ourselves more highly than we ought or more lowly than we should. The One who knows us continually reaches toward us with the promise of grace and the hope of mercy, faithfulness, and love. Receive God's forgiveness and restorative embrace.

\*Hymn: "This Is the Day" (sing through twice) p.209

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### Reflection

#### Choir Anthem

\*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**

#### Invitation to Generosity

When Jesus calls his disciples, he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and kingdom of God. Let us offer our resources in following Jesus.

\*Presentation of Our Gifts 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)  
**Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources for the  
benefit and building of the kindom. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (vs. 1-3) p. 292

\*Benediction  
Recognize the greatness within and around you. Follow Jesus out into the world to spread the radiance of Christ, to proclaim the good news, and to be instruments of healing and wholeness. Amen

Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude



**Recognize Greatness: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany** was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by BettyLou Hartman in memory of Francis Hartman.

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

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Pat Sajkowicz.

**TODAY'S ACOLYTE** is Piper Miller.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.  
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

**Mask Wearing** - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.

**Lunch Bunch** – Friday, January 27, 2023, Noon (RSVP no later than tomorrow, 1/23) at the Trivet in Emmaus.

**Have you checked out our Facebook page recently?** On January 1, we started a new series aimed at reading through the Bible in one year. We are providing a chronological reading plan, which lays out the readings in the order in which events happened. We hope you find this series a meaningful way to

move through the year. Connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/OldZionsvilleUCC/>; be sure to "like" our page so you get our posts on your newsfeed!

**Week of January 22-28, 2023:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment

Church Secretary: Brenda Seitz will be in the office Mon-Thurs. 10am-3pm

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

**Today** – IT Training immediately following Worship for those who are interested in learning about the sound system.

Scouts – Monday @ 6:00pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Music & Worship – Wednesday @ 7pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ noon, Trivet in Emmaus

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School and Confirmation

9:00am Usher Training

10:15am Worship, Baptism, Installation of Consistory

**Total Offerings from January 15, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$1,358.00

Mission: \$0

Windows to the Future: \$30.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$51.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Memorial Fund: \$45.00

Cemetery: \$35.00

Attendance: 57