

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

February 5, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Scout Sunday
“Break Forth”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 112:1-10)

One: Praise the Holy One! Be in awe of God!

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One’s presence!

One: Fear no evil. Keep your heart firm. Be secure in God!

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One’s protection!

One: Arise for what is right. Be pursuers of justice.

Many: Happy are those who delight in the Holy One’s power!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Sovereign God, we gather as a community to worship you in spirit and in truth. May we resist empty actions. Let our rituals and routines hold meaning and connect us to you. May we seek an encounter with you to receive your revelation and be transformed, healed, and renewed. Let it be so. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “O Worship the King” (vs. 1, 2, 5)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Righteous One, it is not easy to follow your path.

Many: Your way requires sacrifice and intention—resisting cultural norms and societal pressures and abandoning our need to control and to function from our own power. Sometimes, we add complexity in order to assure ourselves it is not possible to be faithful. Yet, your way is simple. Soften our hearts and encourage us to return to the journey with you.

Words of Grace

God, who is faithful, can redeem our detours and misdirections on the journey for our good and the good of others. God's invitation to covenantal life has no expiration date, and the Holy One receives us with joy and grace when we take even a step toward the kingdom. Amen

*Hymn: "We Will Glorify" (all verses)

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Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its Saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. **14** "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **17** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. **19** Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reflection

*The Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

The generous life imagines the possibilities of the kingdom of God realized through the sharing of our gifts. Generosity glorifies God and connects us as neighbors. When we give of our time, talent, and treasure, we declare our trust in the abundance of God's continuing creative acts and participate in the realization of the kingdom on earth.

Offertory

* 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 Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

God of Heaven and Earth, receive our gifts as a deposit of trust in your faithfulness and a seed of hope for the flourishing of your kingdom. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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: "God Be with You" (both verses)

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*Benediction

One: Break forth in the world secure in the love of God. Break forth into the kingdom for love of God and neighbor.

Many: Trust the good news. Proclaim the good news. Be the good news.

*The Sung Benediction

**The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us
Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be
God's people. Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude



Break Every Yoke: Service Prayers for the Fifth 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 and BULLETINS are sponsored by our Scout Troops.

TODAY'S GREETERS are our Scouts.

TODAY'S ACOLYTE is Owen Trexler.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Ruthann Mutchler.

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.

Supper Club – Friday, February 10, 2023, 6pm at Capo & Co., 1375 Chestnut Street in Emmaus. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6 by signing up today or contacting Linda or Mark Weaver at catofpa@ptd.net or weavermj@ptd.net or calling them at 215-679-7599. The next Brunch is scheduled for February 19 after Worship at the Merc in Emmaus and the next Lunch Bunch will be February 24, 12 noon at the East Penn Diner.

“Souper” Bowl Covered Dish Social - Come join the FUN Group for our **“Souper” Bowl Sunday** immediately following Church on **Sunday, February 26**. We are looking for a couple of people to volunteer to bring a crockpot of soup. If you can help us, please let a member of FUN Group know by next Sunday, February 12 (including what type of soup you will be bringing). If you aren't bringing soup, please bring a dessert to share. Also, please bring a couple of cans of soup for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry...they distribute hundreds every month!

Beginning FEBRUARY 15 thru April 2, we will be collecting **FULL size toiletries** (*not travel size*) for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A collection box will be located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office. Please see your newsletter for list of items needed. Thank you!

Easter Flowers – Orders for Tulips and Lilies are being taken to beautify our Sanctuary during Easter. Forms may be found at the entrance to the Church. They are due back by Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Thank you.

GriefShare – On Tuesday, March 7th we will begin our 5th round of GriefShare sessions at Old Zionsville UCC. We will meet from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays until May 30, 2023 in our downstairs social room. There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook but scholarship money is available. The lessons are taught through interesting videos and can help us all as we grow in Christ. Please register with Pastor Lori at momandpastortoo@yahoo.com or call/text to 610-393-3522. This group is open to all!

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 February 5 – February 11, 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)

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

ATF Helpers – Monday @ 10am

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Supper Club – Friday @ 6pm at Capo & Co, Emmaus

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School and Confirmation
10:15am Worship, Baptism

Total Offerings from January 29, 2023:

General Offerings: \$2,147.00

Mission: \$70.00

Windows to the Future: \$197.00

Building Repair Fund: \$60.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$70.00

Attendance: 84