

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

January 28, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Works”

Prelude: “Purer In Heart”

Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship...

Pulpit Side: **Giving thanks with whole hearts...**

Lecturn Side: **In the company of this congregation.**

One: We worship the One who is gracious and merciful...

Pulpit Side: **Holy and awesome is God’s name!**

Lecturn Side: **Let us worship God together!**

—from Psalm 111 and Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Invocation (unison)

Holy God, holy, gracious, and merciful we gather mindful of your covenant with us and all creation. We gather mindful of your wonderful deeds and your powerful work among us. Grant that we may be joined with all your creation in praising you in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “I Need Thee Every Hour”

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God invites us to come to worship with our whole hearts, to inventory our deeds and our works, mindful of our covenant with God. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

All: Gracious and Merciful God, maker of covenant, faithful and just, we examine our lives in light of your righteousness which endures

forever. You give us commandments, raise up prophets among us from among our own people. You speak to us, and ask us to become accountable. Yet often we ignore your ways and disdain your works. We close ourselves to your prophets and to the suffering in our world. Forgive us and renew us, that we may walk in faithfulness to you today, tomorrow, and all days. Amen.

Words of Grace

One: God's righteousness endures forever, and God is mindful of God's covenant with us. The promises of God's covenant of grace assure us that this day and all days we can walk in renewed faithfulness, as we witness goods works, and follow God's call.

All: Thanks be to God, whose righteousness endures forever!

*Hymn: "Reach Out to Jesus" – found in "Great Is The Lord" Hymnal p.91

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28 p.867

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify: He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the way of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself. He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Just as God's works are gracious and merciful, faithful and just, God calls us to works of grace, mercy, faithfulness and justice. The offerings we bring are a witness and a contribution to this church's works in the world. May we

freely share and participate in God's work of grace and mercy, faith and justice.

Offertory: "God and God Alone"

McHugh

* Presentation of 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)

We worship with our whole hearts, and give with our whole hearts, remembering your covenant with us, O God. As we share these gifts, may they be for the work of faithful justice and gracious mercy through your church and in your world. Amen.

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

*Closing Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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*Benediction

May the One whose righteousness endures forever, Keep you in holy covenant with all creation, And may you know God's grace and mercy, Forever and ever. Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Allen



The Works: Service Prayers for the Fourth 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 BULLETINS are sponsored by Linda Benner in memory of Joseph Benner.

TODAY'S GREETER is Larry Stahler.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Lee Hoch.

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.

February Soup is **Ham, String Bean & Potato** and will be sold by the quart (\$8) along with **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** (\$5). Orders forms can be found at the entrances to the Church or in your pew and must be received by **Sunday, February 4th**. Orders may be placed in the Offering Plate, call Annie or the Church office, or email the church office. Pick up will be on Thursday, February 15th in our downstairs social hall between 3:00-6:00 p.m. **You will be able to taste test this soup at our "Souper" Bowl Sunday on February 4th!!**

The **All Things Free Room** could use donations of cloth Christmas Tablecloths, especially red and green for future Christmas table displays. Donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts received that we can use as gifts for our clients at next year's Christmas Giveaway are also needed. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. The next Sort and Store will be Monday, January 29 at 10am.

Supper Club – Be sure to let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you are planning to attend the next Supper Club on Friday, February 2nd, at Alburdis Tavern, 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Share the Warmth - Again this year for Share the Warmth, we will be collecting items to warm someone from the inside during the month of January. All items will be donated to support local food programs, such as the Zionsville Area Food Pantry and Grace Lutheran Church's Food Cupboard. Through January we will be collecting the following items:

- Soup
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Coffee (regular and/or decaf --- NOT coffee beans, which need to be ground)

Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, February 2 in our lower Social Hall from 6-8 p.m. Any youth of any age is welcome to join in the usual games, snacks, Bible Study and fun! Spread the word. Open to all ages! If the schools dismiss early or close on Friday, Youth Group will be canceled also. Questions? Check with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller.

"Souper" Bowl Covered Dish Social - Come join the FUN Group for our **"Souper" Bowl Sunday** immediately following Church on **Sunday, February 4**. 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 Sunday, January 28 (including what type of soup you will be bringing). Social and Aid will have their February soup of the month-Ham, String Bean & Potato-for you to taste test. 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! Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

Soft Pretzels will be sold after Worship again on **Sunday, February 4th**. Get yours for \$2.50 each. Proceeds will go to the General Fund. If you want to place an order larger than 5, please let Lori know so we have enough for all. They freeze well and you could use them for the big game the following week!

Lent is coming soon with **Ash Wednesday on February 14** at 7:30 p.m. Plan to worship with our brothers and sisters from Zion's Lutheran Church, Upper Milford Mennonite Church and Salem United Methodist Church. This joint Worship will be held at **Old Zionsville UCC**.

A **Sunday Morning Adult Book Study** during Lent for the Ministerium Churches will begin on Sunday, February 18th from 9-9:45 a.m. at Upper Milford Mennonite Church.

Fruit/Nut Rolls - Our Outlook Committee is again selling those **DELICIOUS** Fruit and Nut Rolls to have in time for Easter. Look for order forms at the entrances to the Church or in your pew. Orders are due **Tuesday, March 12th** and pick up will be on Tuesday, March 26 between 5-7 p.m. in our downstairs social room. You may order by placing your filled out form in the offering plates any Sunday or by calling or emailing the church office.

Do you like to hear amazing organ music? Then you don't want to miss this! Carpool to **Jordan UCC** at Route 309 and Walbert Avenue, Allentown to hear Organist **Aram Basmadjian** on February 18 at 3:00 p.m. He is incredibly talented and you won't be disappointed. Free will offering at the door will be offered with a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person.

Are you interested in Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster's production of **"Daniel"??** Greenawalds UCC will be going on Thursday, May 9th. Adult tickets are \$75 and children (age 3-12) are \$42. If interested please speak to Pastor Lori.

SNOW? Always be safe and always check with WFMZ to see if we are closed or delayed.

Week of January 28-February 3, 2024:

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

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm
(please call before coming)

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

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Supper Club – Friday @ 6pm at Albutis Tavern

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Communion Worship, Sale of Soft Pretzels

“Souper” Bowl after Worship

Total Offerings from January 21:

General Offerings: \$2,339.00

Window Fund: \$52.00

Mission: \$240.00

Communion: \$10.00

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: \$6.00

Attendance: 46

Building Repair Fund: \$40.00

Zionsville Area Food Pantry: \$40.00

Parking Lot Maintenance Fund: \$15.00

Cemetery: \$15.00