

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

February 11, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**The Transfiguration of Christ**  
**“The Rising”**

Prelude:        “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**All: God speaks to us and summons us.**

One: God gathers us in covenant,

**All: God’s glory shines forth.**

One: Let us worship God!

Invocation (unison)

**Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:        “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

**All: Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May**

**we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.**

Words of Grace

One: God's glory shines forth, and God judges with grace and with mercy.  
God gives us renewed life and our spirits rise.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Hymn: "Surely the Presence" (sing 2 times) p.219

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9 p.876

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, 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. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity

God's gifts to creation and to us are abundant and ever-new. Entrusted with creation's care and with care for one another, we share our gifts out of our own abundance.

Offertory: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Parry

\* 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)

**Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. 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: "Love Lifted Me"

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\*Benediction

One: May you go renewed in spirit,

**All: May you go, rising to new life,**

One: May you go with God's mantle of mercy

**All: And blessing of peace upon you,**

One: Now and forever.

**All: Amen!**

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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**The Rising: Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday Year B** was written by The Rev. Stephanie Perdew, PhD, Director, The Damascus Project, Shared Theological Education Ministry of the Wisconsin & Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Angela and Larry Stahler in loving memory of Bill and Bernie Stahler on their Wedding Anniversary and Nina Serafine on the anniversary of her passing.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Robin Yoder.

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

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.

**Reminder-Pick up your Soup and Sandwich** orders on Thursday, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs social room.

**ATF Room help is needed** tomorrow, February 12 for the next Giveaway from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, February 17 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 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.

**Sunday Brunch** will be after Worship next Sunday, February 18 at the Merc. This month's **Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, February 23 at 12 noon at Chino's Place. Be sure to let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you are planning to attend. All are welcome! **Supper Club** will be on Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Hometown Breakfast Bar and Grill, 8732 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville. Please RSVP to Mark or Linda by Tuesday, March 5.

**Ash Wednesday Worship is 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-9:45 a.m. at Upper Milford Mennonite Church or you can join the Lutherans here at Old Zionsville UCC at 9:00 a.m. and participate by zoom. The following is the zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615791018?pwd=WU9JbkE4RE52b3ZOdmxvT0gva2ZXdz09#success>

**Breaking News!!!** Pastor Lori will be leading a group discussion on the first season of THE CHOSEN. Starting **Wednesdays, Feb. 21** meeting from 1 - 2 p.m. in the lower social hall. Bring your neighbors and friends. We will watch a segment of the THE CHOSEN from the first season and then discuss it. All Welcome! This will continue through Holy Week.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 need a small gift to give a friend for offering you a ride? Need a small something to tuck into a Valentine's Day card? Or an Easter Basket? The Outlook Committee is selling \$5.00 Wawa coupons. You pay the Outlook Committee \$5.00 for each card, and then the recipient takes the card to Wawa and gets a Shorti sandwich for FREE. The coupons are prepaid and don't expire. See Sharon Trexler, Bobby Schmeltzle, Pastor Lori, the Shoemakers or the Millers.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be collected in Worship on March 10. Pick up a Sharing Calendar to get suggestions of ways OGHS helps around the world and right here – plus – find out how we compare and add money to a donation that you can discuss with your family. Thank you for caring.

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 Sunday, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Congratulations** to Drew and his wife on the birth of their first born son.

## **Week of February 11-17, 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 Giveaway – Monday @ 4-6pm

Property – Monday @ 7pm

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

FUN Group – Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Finance – Tuesday @ 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday – Communion Worship @ 7:30pm

Soup & Sandwich Pick Up – Thursday @ 3-6pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

ATF Giveaway – Saturday @ 10am-12pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School Children & Adult

9:45am Third Sunday Treats

10:15am Worship, Loose offering will go to our Pastor's  
Discretionary Fund

Brunch at the Merc after Worship

## **Total Offerings from February 4:**

General Offerings: \$1,841.00

Window Fund: \$300.00

Mission: \$45.00

Communion: \$114.00

Utilities: \$65.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$215.00

Attendance: 93