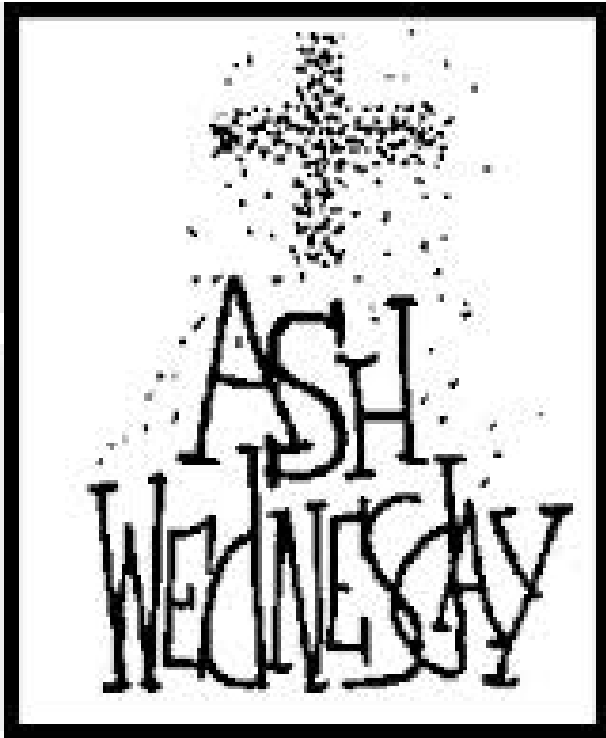


**Welcome to
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**



Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

February 14, 2024

7:30p.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Ash Wednesday Service

Prelude

Announcements and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Greeting

Sentences

*Hymn of Adoration:

"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

#221

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray.

**All: Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you
And to one another, and to the whole communion of
saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned
by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

One: We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been
forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ
served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in our daily life and work,

All: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure To commend the faith that is in us,

All: We confess to you, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thought toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

All: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Hymn of Repentance: "Just as I Am" #488

Reading of Scriptures

Psalm 5:1-14 p.466

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2 p.1006

Assurance of Pardon

Message of Forgiveness

*Hymn of Forgiveness: "Softly and Tenderly" #479

Offertory

* 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.**

Choir Anthem: “

The Lord’s Supper – Consecration of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

*Come forward to receive Communion by Intinction
and Ashes of Repentance*

*Prayer of Forgiveness and Benediction

One: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: That we may show forth your glory.

One: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

**All: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ’s
resurrection. Amen.**

One: Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners,
But rather that they may turn from their wickedness and
live. Therefore we implore God to grant us true
repentance and the Holy Spirit that those things which
we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of
our lives may be lived faithfully, and that at the last we
may come to God’s eternal joy; through Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Closing Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #426

*Extinguishing of the candles

*Postlude

Participating in tonight’s Worship Service is:

Jenny Fujita – Pastor of Upper Milford Mennonite Church

Tom Busted – Pastor of Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Robin Roman – Pastor of Salem United Methodist Church

Lori Esslinger – Pastor of Old Zionsville UCC

Our Lenten Experience includes a **Sunday Morning Book Study** to be held at Upper Milford Mennonite Church. This will begin each Sunday morning during Lent, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 9:45 a.m. The book to study is *Hear Us Out, Six Questions on Belonging and Belief*. Written by local pastors led by Sue Pizor Yoder, they interviewed over 200 individuals between the ages of 18 - 40 to discover information about inspiration, belonging, values, adversity, legacy, and faith experiences. The book is divided into 6 sections, perfect for each week of Lent, that will open our eyes to the thoughts of folks in this age group and how we might perceive differently how to reach out and support them as we assess how our churches can make this leap to serving all ages. **At Old Zionsville UCC, we will participate via Zoom so that we can stay at our church to be ready for worship.** Each book costs \$24. It will be helpful for you to have a book to get the most out of the study. The ministerium has paid for the books. Please donate whatever you can back to the ministerium to help cover the cost of the books. Questions? Contact Pastor Lori. In faith, we look forward to an inspiring and insightful Lenten Study. The link to watch on Zoom is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81615791018?pwd=WU9JbkE4RE52b3ZOdmxvT0gva2ZXdz09#success>

Holy Week Schedule:

Old Zionsville UCC

Thursday, March 28 – 7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday** Worship

Friday, March 29 – 7:30 p.m. **Good Friday** Worship

Sunday, March 31 – 7:30 a.m. **Easter** Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. **Easter** Communion Worship,

Sunday School Children will be singing

(Donuts and Coffee will be served between the Services)

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday spoken Holy Communion Service and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 29 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae/Seven Last Words with music and Solemn Reproaches

Upper Milford Mennonite Church

You are welcome to join a service of lament on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. We will light candles to remember those we've lost and all things we grieve.

Fruit/Nut Rolls – Our Outlook Committee is selling 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.

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 Wednesdays through Holy Week.

Orders are being taken for **Chicken Corn Pot Pie Soup** and **Ham & Cheese Sandwiches**. Soup is \$8.00/quart and Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Orders can be found at the entrances to the Church. They must be received by Sunday, March 10, 2024 and can be dropped in the offering plate any Sunday or call/email the church office-610-966-3601/ozuccoffice@ptd.net. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC.

GriefShare will be offered at Old Zionsville UCC starting on Wednesday evening, May 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This nationally acclaimed course consists of 13 weeks of meetings for support offered to people who have lost loved ones. Each session includes a video to offer thoughts and ideas to learn about. There is a workbook which is helpful for each participant to have to follow along, take notes of the video, and then do some homework before the next session. There is also time to share and support each other through grief. There is no cost for the sessions, but the fee for the workbook is \$15 or whatever you can afford. We meet in the handicap accessible, air conditioned lower social hall at Old Zionsville UCC. To register for these sessions, or ask questions, you can contact The Rev. Lori Esslinger at MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. The course concludes July 24, 2024.

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 9th. Adult tickets are \$75 and children (age 3-12) are \$42. If interested please speak to Pastor Lori.