

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

February 25, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Between Me and You**

Prelude:        "My Heart Is Filled With Jesus' Love"

Akers

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: "Walk before me, and be blameless," said God to Abram, "And I shall make my covenant between me and you." (Genesis 17: 1-2, paraphrased)

One: Quite openly, we've measured that distance.

**All: Quite openly, we've stayed away.**

One: Quite openly, we've distanced ourselves.

**All: Quite openly, we didn't want to be closer.**

One: Quite openly, we are not blameless.

**All: Quite openly, we are here. We are here to open ourselves to our In-between God.**

\*Opening Hymn:        "To God Be the Glory"

p.56

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We are quite open about our successes. We feel free to boast when we have done well, but we are not quite so open when things have gone wrong. We do not praise God anyway. Instead, we recognize the distance between me and you, between you and God, between God and me. Let's be quite open about it as we open ourselves to our Living God in silence.**

Extended Prayerful Silence

## Word of Assurance

You can look behind. You can search ahead. God will meet you in between. God promises to always be right there. If you believe this to be so, if you believe God is between here and there between me and you.

\*Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" p.11

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 p.875

## Reflection

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.**

### Invitation to the Offering

Without talking back, without asking questions, let us move into God's love. Let us go in-between with God to offer our gifts. Let us give God our thanks in our tithes and offerings.

Offertory: "The Love of God" Lehman

### \* 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.**

### \*Dedication of the Offering (unison)

**In-between God, bless these gifts with your love so that we might share them quite openly with all who need your change. 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: "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

p.674

\*Benediction (based on Mark 8:31-38)

One: Turn and look!

**All: We want to become followers of Christ.**

One: Turn and look!

**All: We will speak quite openly.**

One: Turn and look!

**All: We will speak quite openly.**

One: Turn and look!

**All: We will open ourselves to our In-between God. Amen.**

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary"

Gaither



**Revealed to Us: Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany** was written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on [cookingwithelsa.org](http://cookingwithelsa.org).

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Julia and William Yeakel from Tony and Debbie Gurgick.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Millie Kohler in honor of family and in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Randy and Sharon Trexler.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Chris Schell.

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.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) 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. The next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, February 26 at 10:00am. The next Giveaway will be Monday, March 11 from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 16 from 10a.m.-12p.m. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry.

**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.

**Sunday Morning Adult Book Study** during Lent for the Ministerium Churches will be held on Sundays 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>

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.

**March Soup and Sandwich** sale orders are due Sunday, March 10. This month's soup is Chicken Corn Pot Pie Soup, \$8.00/quart; and Ham and Cheese Sandwiches at \$5.00 each. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church or in your pews. Pick up will be on Thursday, March 21.



**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.

The next **Youth Group Meeting** will be on Friday, March 1 from 6-8 p.m. All ages welcome. Questions? Check with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller

**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.

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.

**Week of February 25-March 2, 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

Elders – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

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

9:00am Adult Book Study with Lutherans  
and Mennonites on Zoom (in our  
lower social hall)

10:15am Worship

**Total Offerings from February 18:**

General Offerings: \$2,883.00

Window Fund: \$110.00

Mission: \$170.00

Utilities: \$20.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$0

Attendance: 58