

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

David Carlson

Organist

March 17, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**We Wish to See Jesus**

Prelude: "In Remembrance"

Havergal

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Let us gather to worship.

**All: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray, and learn.**

One: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our own life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

**All: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.**

One: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with some gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

**All: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!**

One: Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. Amen.

Invocation (unison)

**God of the journey, you invite us, the church, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Amen**

\*Opening Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

p.403

Prayer of Confession (based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)

One: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah"

**All: We invite you to put your law within us, O God, and write it upon our hearts; so that we will know you are our God, and we shall be your people. We have sinned and we repent so that now we will know YOU, from the least of us to the greatest.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thus says the Lord; I will forgive your iniquity, and I will remember your sin no more. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" p.562

Scripture: John 12:20-33 p.936

Reflection

\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**Christ is the only head of the church. Christian is a sufficient name for the church. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice. Christian character is the only requirement for membership. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience are rights and privileges for all. Union of all Christ's followers is sought.**

Call to Offering

Jesus compels us to join him in service to others. Our church accepts the invitation and challenge to show Jesus' Way using the resources we share. Let us give as we are able to the ministries of our church.

Offertory: "In the Shadow of the Cross" Glyncannon

\* 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 Prayer (unison)

**God, there are many who "wish to see Jesus." In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings. May Jesus shine in all the 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: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" p.405

\*Benediction

Dear God. We thank you for today, for being with us, accepting our worship and prayers, and for guiding us on our way. Bless us as we go, and in turn, may we bless others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "Fugue in G Minor" Bach



**We Wish to See Jesus: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent** was written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Roger and Mishelle Miller.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Les Schoenberger.

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.

**Don't forget to pick your orders of Soup and Sandwiches on Thursday between 3-5:30 p.m.**

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, March 18 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please call Millie with any questions.

**Brunch** at the Merc after Worship today. The next **Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, March 22 at 12 noon. Meet at Vince's Pizza in Macungie, please RSVP by Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. **Supper Club** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 5:00 p.m. at The Fairgrounds Hotel. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. All are Welcome!

**Sunday Morning Adult Book Study** during Lent for the Ministerium Churches is being 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>. The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, PNEC Conference Minister, will be with us for the Book Study next Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday. That is our wrap up of the book, and because she is one of the team members who co-wrote the book, I was delighted that she could be with us for our final day together. She will also be joining us for Worship.

Pastor Lori is leading a group discussion on the first season of **THE CHOSEN, Wednesdays** during Lent 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!

Services at Old Zionsville UCC for **Holy Week** will be as follows:

- March 24 – Palm Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship with Guest The Rev. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion at the table. Join at the table to share in a seated Holy Communion time with our Church Family
- March 29 – Good Friday, 7:30 p.m. Worship will be based on the Stations of the Cross and a Service of Darkness with the stripping of the altar. The Church will remain dark until Easter morning at 7:30 a.m. when we bring the light of Christ into the Sanctuary to celebrate the Resurrection!
- March 31 – Easter Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Easter Worship will bring in the light of Christ as we restore the fittings of the altar, the choir, and celebrate Holy Communion
  - 9:00 a.m. or immediately following the early service, we will have coffee, drinks and doughnuts in the lower social hall
  - 9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt is open to all children up to 12 years old. We will have two groups hunting at separate times so families can enjoy all children hunting!
  - 10:15 a.m. Easter will be Resurrection Worship with choir and Holy Communion, Sunday School children will be singing

## **Week of March 17-23, 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 and Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

**Soup & Sandwich Pick Up – Thursday @ 3-5:30pm**

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon @ Vince's Pizza

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

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

10:15am Palm Sunday Worship

## **Total Offerings from March 10:**

General Offerings: \$2,315.00

Window Fund: \$227.00

Mission: \$35.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

ATF: \$30.00

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$260.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$40.00

Attendance: 54