

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

March 23, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Third Sunday in Lent
“Bread for Each Day”

Prelude: “Cleansing Fountain”

Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Opening Prayer (unison)

God our daily provider, you call us into community, banish our emptiness, and meet us in ordinary things like our daily bread. As we gather in worship, open our hearts to your voice and our hands to your provision. Teach us to trust in your abundance, to share what we have, and to pray boldly: “Give us this day our daily bread.” May this time of worship nourish us with your truth and prepare us to share your love in the world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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Call and Prayer of Confession

One: Often, we overlook the daily provision we've received and choose instead to focus on things we do not yet have. Let us confess our sins of ingratitude and greed together.

All: God of abundance, we confess we overlook your daily provision. We take your gifts for granted, longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do. Our hearts are often filled with envy, and our desires pull us away from gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your faithfulness and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving. We trust that you provide all we truly need. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in faith, hear this good news: Our compassionate God is faithful to pardon our sins and will set us on the paths of gratitude and generosity. Receive forgiveness and be at peace.

*Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord"

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Prayer for Illumination

God, may the scriptures we read today become living bread. May your Spirit empower them to shape us in Jesus' likeness. Give us wisdom as we interpret these words of scripture; may they nourish our minds and souls. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

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Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be they name. **10** Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread; **12** And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; **13** And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

Reflection

*Song: "Bread of Life" (sing with video)

Vs 1: If you're hungry, come
Tired and undone
There's a place for you
A place for you at the table.
If you're lonely, come
Fill your empty cup
There's a drink for you
A drink for you at the table

Vs 2: Bring your weary mind
Every tear you've cried
There is peace for you
Peace for you at the table
Lay your burdens down
Hope is all around
You are welcome here
Welcome here at the table

Chorus: Bread of life
Jesus with us
Healing our hearts with love
Bread of life
Broken for you
Share with another too
There is enough
Oh there will always be
So take this bread with me

Bridge 1: Freely given to us
So we might give
Freely to others
Freely given to us
So let us give freely to others
Freely given to us
So we might give
Freely to others
Freely given to us
So let us give freely to others

Call to Generosity

Offertory: "Lamb of God"

Bizet

* Presentation of the Offering 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 for the Offering (unison)

**Holy God, receive these humble gifts and bless those who give
with steady daily provision. Help us steward these gifts wisely
and multiply our resources to do good work in faith. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

*The Prayers of the People

One: Good and loving God, we praise your name because you are our Creator. You care for the world with compassion and mercy. Like Jesus, we ask that your kin(g)dom come on earth as it is in heaven. May your redeeming work continue in and around us so all creation might be renewed in the light of your loving gaze.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: We lift up those among us and around the world who are suffering from lack. Grant us the courage to be helpful, generous change-makers so everyone may have what they need to live abundantly.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Like Jesus, we offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us, just as we know you forgive us for our sins.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Like Jesus, we know you are our hope of salvation from all forms of evil and destruction. You are the deliverer who will see us safely home.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: We pray these things because we trust you are a kind parent. You concern yourself with the needs, wants, dreams, and delights of your children. Yours is the kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory forever.

All: Amen.

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: "Abide with Me" (verses 1 & 3 only) p.642

*Charge and Benediction

Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others. May you share the bread of life, offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul. Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus, extending compassion to the weary, hope to the despairing, and bread to the hungry. As you go, may the love of God enfold you, the peace of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forever. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "He's Everything to Me" Carmichael

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**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Henry and MaryAnn Heil in honor of their grandson, Sylis Alliston's Birthday.

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

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jane Bedell.

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.

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. Eugene Peterson paraphrases that quite simply – You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. One Great Hour of Sharing understands the needs—immediate and long-term. OGHS is there when needs are most pressing.*

We will receive **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offerings until March 30 at which time we will dedicate them and send them on to make a difference in the world. For more information, see the flyers and pick up an envelope at the entrances to the Church. Thanks in advance for your support. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC.

Bring your colored pencils to church! During Lent we will have interactive bulletins that you can use during worship to color, complete puzzles and have fun while you are learning about our Lenten Messages this year.

**TODAY is the last day to order your delicious Fruit and Nut Rolls.**

Delivery will be before Easter. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church and in your pews. Thank you!

**Easter Flowers** – Order forms are at entrances to the Church for Lilies or Tulips. **Orders with payment must be into the office by Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at Perkins on Friday, March 28 at 12 noon. Please RVSP to Linda or Mark. All are welcome!

**All Things Free Room (ATF)** Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, March 24 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. If you have any questions, please call or text Millie Kohler.

**The Chosen, Season 3**, is being shown in our lower social hall on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. until April 30. All welcome to share in viewing this very moving series on the Life of Jesus.

Social and Aid Committee will be taking orders for **Chili** and **Ham & Cheese Sandwiches** for the month of April. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church.

PNEC will be having Zoom Town Halls for **Keystone Constitution and Bylaws Discussions**. Dates will be March 18 at 6:30pm, March 19 at 1:30pm, April 1 at 6:30pm or April 2 at 2pm. For more information and to get the zoom link please contact PNEC at 610-826-3113 or go to their website at [www.pnec.org](http://www.pnec.org).

**Lenten Services** – Register for Pennsylvania UCC Weekly Lenten Prayer Time Join us at noon every Thursday in Lent beginning March 6 for a short time of prayer led by Conference Staff from the Pennsylvania Conferences. To register and receive a Zoom link call the PNEC office at 610-826-3113.

**Egg Hunt!** Egg Hunt for all children up to 6th Grade. Lower Social Hall at 9:30 a.m. Bring your own bag or basket for hunting. Coins in every egg! Share the fun with your church friends.

New Member Classes will be happening soon. Want to learn more about our Church? Just join in the discussions on two Sunday mornings on either of two sets of dates: April 6 and 13 or May 4 and 11 at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the lower social hall. You are under no obligation to join, but if you wish to join the church, we will receive new members on the Second Sunday of each month (April and May) during our 10:15 a.m. Worship. Please register in advance with Pastor Lori by calling, emailing or texting her at least a week before the first session. Topics for discussion include: What IS the United Church of Christ? What IS Old Zionsville UCC? And How do we work together as a congregation? A tour of the Church building happens on the second Sunday of each month.

Picnic Patio tickets have been purchased for an **Iron Pigs Game** scheduled on Saturday, June 21, 2025 with first pitch at 6:35 p.m. We will be seated in the Picnic Pavilion and have the buffet dinner (included in price). This is also a Fireworks show after the game. Tickets are \$28.00 per person. **Signup by Sunday, March 30** along with your payment to Linda or Mark Weaver.

The next round of **Grief Care** is scheduled to start on Wednesday, May 28 and run till July 23. There are nine sessions and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

Arden Courts of Allentown is **in need of Adult Literature** for their Library. Novels, Magazines, Large Print Wordsearch/Crossword/Sudoku/Puzzle Games are all welcome. You may bring your donations to the Church. Thank you.

## **Holy Week Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 7:30 p.m. Communion Worship

Good Friday, April 18 – **7:00 p.m.** Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20 – 7:30 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for Children up to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:15 a.m. Communion Worship,

(Donuts and Coffee will be served between the Services)

## **Prayer List**

Shirley & Ed, Christoph, Susan, Batman Family, Beth, Terry, Sue, Cindy, Jean, Bill, Jill, Wendy, Robin & her parents, Dorothy, Monica, Stephanie, Peter, Debbie, MaryRose, Trish & Rick, Joan, Family of Paula Frederick, Kohler Family, Connor, Corey, Jon, Mike, Nancy, Gloria, Bobby, Len, Linda, Hunter, Brayden, Marcus, Christa, Rod, Brenda, MaryAnn and Natalie & Family, Freeman Family, Joe, People who have lost their jobs or will lose their jobs, Jake & Nancy, Tesslyn, Karen, Ava, Joyce, Emma, Madison, Gary, Karen and Kelly, Diane, Kim, Anita, Blanche's Family, Gisela, Rich & Cathy, Audrey, Ron, Shirley, Bruce & Nancy, Pam, Randy, Audrey

**Military** - Drew Stahler    Nate Yeakel    Chanellor Yenser

## **Week of March 23 – March 29, 2025:**

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

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon at Perkins

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

10:15am Worship, Baptism

One Great Hour of Sharing Dedication

**Total Offerings from March 16, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$1,318.00

Window Fund: \$1,050.00

Mission: \$60.00

Utilities: \$60.00

Parking Lot: \$120.00

Cemetery: \$20.00

Attendance: 61