

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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David Carlson	Organist
February 15, 2026	10:15am

**those who are able may stand*

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude: "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (McGranahan)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

Many: We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.

One: In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon you heart that you may teach them.

Many: We offer our hearts to receive your words and what we learn, we'll teach others.

One: Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within you.

All: Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.

Invocation (unison)

God who invited Moses to come up the mountain to receive from you, we invite you to come among us and receive from us. May we become more whole as we wait in confident expectation of the deepening of the love that is shared between us. Amen.

*Hymn: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (verse 1 only) page 352

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

Waiting is not always easy for us, especially while living in a realm where instant gratification is perceived as proof of being blessed. You wait for us and on us often. Help us to remember that we are to be of good courage as we wait on you and for you.

Words of Grace

Moses went up the mountain and waited forty days and forty nights while The Holy One gave him the words that bring his people life. Let us give thanks that God waits with us no matter how long and transforms us in the waiting.

***Hymn: "In This Very Room"**

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Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18, Matt. 17:1-9

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Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

This is the moment we've been waiting for. The space and time where we get to give back to the Holy One out of that which the Holy One has given to us. The wait is over, now let us offer our time, talent, and treasure with joy! Amen.

Offertory: "My Lord is Near Me All the Time"

(Gualtney)

*Presentation of our 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)**

Patient One, receive these gifts that we could hardly wait to give you. May they be used to meet the needs of those who have been waiting for relief. Amen.

Choir Anthem

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, forever.

***Benediction**

Ancient of Days, as exit this holy pause, remind us of your words that are written on our hearts and that you placed them there for us to be able to share them with others. May we be as patient about their reception of these words as you have been and are with us. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

(Neander)



Wait: Service Prayers for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany was written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Mark Weaver.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Cheryl & McGuire Martucci.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kerchner to the Glory of God.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by the Griesemer Family in memory of Ann & Norbert Behringer, grandparents to Heidi Griesemer and Carlena Thomas.

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.

Church Closed? In case of inclement weather or ice in the parking lot at the church that you don't have at home: please look at WFMZ on your computer or on TV for any cancellation or delay information.

Greeters and Liturgists Needed. If you would like to get on our schedule to help in our Worship Services by being a Greeter or Liturgist, please contact the church office. Email and phone number are on front page or put a note in the Secretary's mailbox. Thank you.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response and recovery networks, your contributions to

One Great Hour of Sharing puts you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Envelopes can be found at the end of your pew and at the entrance to the Church for those wishing to give. This collection begins on February 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent and concludes on Palm Sunday, March 29. The United Church of Christ is always responsive to disasters both here and globally. If you wish to donate money to any global disasters, 100% of your donation will go to aid relief. Make your check payable to Old Zionsville UCC and clearly mark it for Disaster Relief. Thank you

Confirmation Class:

Let me know if you want to sit in on a class with us. We are learning how to chat with adults as well as learning about our congregation. Here are three of the upcoming classes and topics. All are welcome.

Feb. 15: Sunday 9 a.m. in the lower social hall: Topic: More history of the UCC

March 1: Sunday, Class noon to 2 p.m. Lower social hall, Time with mentors, making and sharing lunch together, Let's talk about Lent

March 15: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the lower social hall: What does the Bible say about Lent? (Using our Bibles)

Lunch Bunch

When: Friday February 27, 2026, 12 Noon

Where: Superior Restaurant

102 Main Street, Emmaus

RSVP by Wednesday 2/22/2026

Supper Club – RSVP by Sunday 3/1/2026

When: Wednesday March 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

Where: Morgans

3079 Willow St, Coplay (North Cedarcrest at corner of Willow St.)

Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 3/11/2026

When: Sunday March 15, 2026, ~ 12 Noon

Where: Mercantile Club

Railroad St., Emmaus

CASH ONLY

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 3/22/2026

When: Friday March 27, 2026, 12 Noon

Where: Trivet Restaurant

4102 Chestnut St, Emmaus

Lehigh Valley Phantoms – The Phantoms Ice Hockey Team is hosting a Faith Night on Sunday, March 15, 2026 with game starting at 3:05 p.m. Ticket cost

will be either \$22 or \$28 per person depending on seating level. Pregame and during intermission our concourse will have live music. Following the game Phantoms player Cooper Marody will host a live testimonial talking about his upbringing and faith to the congregations in attendance. Please see Jane Bedell, email or call her if you are interested in more details.

Our annual **OZUCC Night at the Iron Pigs** will be on Saturday May 23, 2026, with first pitch at 6:35PM.

- We will again be seated in the Picnic Pavillion and have the buffet dinner (included in price). This is also a Fireworks show after the game.
- Tickets are still the same price at \$28.00 per person
- The signup is by Sunday March 29, and we will need your payment at time of signup.

Corn Pies and Ham & Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in March by our Social and Aid Committee. Corn Pies are \$8.00 each and sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Order forms may be found in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped in the offering plate any Sunday during the worship service; call or email the Church Office (610-966-3601), ozuccoffice@ptd.net; or Annie Souder to place your orders. **Orders must be received by Sunday, March 8, 2026. The pick-up will be Thursday, March 19, between 3-5pm, in our downstairs Social Hall.**

All Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, February 16 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. If you can help or have any questions, please call or text Pastor Lori at 610-393-3522.

January 21, Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the lower social hall, **we once again resumed watching the next season of The Chosen.** All are welcome. We are finished with our time together around 2:15 p.m. or so and you are not obligated to stay after the showing for the discussion. We always have snacks, beverages, and a clearer learning of how the disciples responded to Jesus and their daily routines. The sessions will continue for about 8 weeks and if the weather is not good, we will postpone the showing by a week.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 is the start of Lent with worship to be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church up the hill from us. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the upstairs sanctuary. There is an elevator and stairs. You enter the church at the awning from the parking lot. There will be NO service at OZUCC for Ash Wednesday this year.

The next round of **GriefCare** is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 3 and run until July 29. 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.

2026 Easter Flower Orders - To place your order for Lilies or Tulips please find the order forms in the Narthex. Drop the order form in the offering plate any Sunday or call / email the church office. Orders with payment must be received on or before Sunday March 15, 2026. Cost per 6" pot of Tulips or Lily is \$11.50. Please make any checks payable to "Old Zionsville UCC". *Thank you!*

Jewelry Fundraiser (3/15/26-4/12/26) - Beginning March 15 there will be a designated locked container in the Narthex to collect any old, unwanted jewelry you may have. Our proceeds will be determined by the fair market value of the items collected less 15%. Some items may ultimately be donated to organizations such as The YMCA Perfect Fit Professional Clothing Boutique, YMCA Bethlehem Pop Up Prom Shop, and more. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be included as part of our end of year distribution. Flyer posted on bulletin boards for more information.

Week of February 16 through February 22:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 10am-3pm.
(other times by appointment)

Church Hours: Tues. 11:30am-1:30pm, Wed & Thurs. 10am-2pm.
(please call before coming to make sure she is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store

Tuesday: 7pm Consistory

Wednesday: 7pm Ash Wednesday service at Zion's
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday: 3-5pm Soup & Sandwich Pickup
7:30pm Choir

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Next Sunday, Feb 22

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship, 1st Sunday of Lent, OGHS Offering

Collection begins, Holy Communion

Total Offerings from February 8, 2026:

General Offerings: \$2576.00

Missions: \$65.00

Flowers: \$40.00

Bulletin: \$10.00

Heat/Electric: \$70.00

Bldg. Repair: \$70.00

Parking Lot: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$40.00

Attendance: 85