

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

January 21, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Baptism of Christ
"The Knowing"

Prelude: "Praise the Lord"

Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 139)

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Invocation (unison)

Sovereign One, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your mercy and let your grace propel us to renewal and righteousness. Lift us so that might arise in spirit and in truth for your glory. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" p.597

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy God, 1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything."

All: You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved creation of God, the Holy One knows you fully, completely, and affirmative from the secret places of your innermost parts. Receive the knowing as a gift of assurance that God's grace is sufficient for new life. God will abide with us as we strive to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" p.591

Scripture: Mark 1:4-20 p.867

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

The generous life rests on gratitude and trust in God's abundance. As we give, we acknowledge that we have communally received more than enough to meet our collective needs. Our offerings serve to realize the reign of God's kingdom on the earth.

Offertory: "Springs of Living Water" Peterson

* 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 of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)
Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kindom and all creation in your name. 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: "Jesus Calls Us" p.592

*Benediction
Go in the peace of being fully known by God.
Go in the hope that God has in you to transform the world.
Go in the love of neighbor and friend.
Go in the assurance that God still goes with you. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles
Postlude: "Aria" Handel

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**The Knowing: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany** was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bedell in memory of parents, John and Doris Roth.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of Ruth-Ann Schell's Birthday from son, Christopher.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Cheryl and McGwire Martucci.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Millie Kohler.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

Loose offering today will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



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 first planning meeting for our **Dillingersville Worship Sunday** will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 6-7p.m., in the upper social room. Salad is included as we talk. Please bring ideas.

The **All Things Free Room** 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. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry.

**Lunch Bunch** will be meeting Friday, January 26 at 12 noon at the Macungie Diner. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Mark or Linda Weaver. **Supper Club** will be on Friday, February 2, 6 p.m. at Alburtis Tavern.

**Share the Warmth** - Again this year for Share the Warmth, we will be collecting items to warm someone from the inside. All items will be donated to support local food programs, such as the Zionsville Area Food Pantry and Grace Lutheran Church's Food Cupboard. Through January we will be collecting the following items:

- Soup
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Coffee (regular and/or decaf --- NOT coffee beans, which need to be ground)

**"Souper" Bowl Covered Dish Social** - Come join the FUN Group for our **"Souper" Bowl Sunday** immediately following Church on **Sunday, February 4**. We are looking for a couple of people to volunteer to bring a crockpot of soup. If you can help us, please let a member of FUN Group know by Sunday, January 28 (including what type of soup

you will be bringing). Social and Aid will have their February soup of the month-Ham, String Bean & Potato-for you to taste test. If you aren't bringing soup, please bring a dessert to share. Also, please bring a couple of cans of soup for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry...they distribute hundreds every month! Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

This month Social and Aid Committee will be making Ham, String Bean and Potato Soup to go along with your Ham and Cheese Sandwiches. Orders will be due on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and pick up will be on Thursday, February 15 between 4pm and 6pm in our lower social room. They will be offering a taste test at "Souper" Bowl Sunday after Worship.

**Greeters and Liturgist!** Please consider being a Greeter or a Liturgist during Worship. Call the office or email to get your name added to our List. Thank you!

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.

### **Week of January 21-27, 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)

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Dillingersville – Tuesday @ 6pm

Music & Worship – Tuesday @ 7pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12 noon @ Macungie Diner

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship

**Total Offerings from January 14, 2024:**

General Offerings: \$1,762.00

Window Fund: \$185.00

Mission: \$30.00

Communion: \$25.00

Electric: \$25.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

Parking Lot: \$0

Cemetery: \$30.00

Attendance: 60