

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

David Carlson

Organist

February 9, 2025

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**“Into the Deep”**

Prelude: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

**Many: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.**

One: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

**Many: It is the Word of Hope, “Do not be afraid!”**

One: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

**Many: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.**

Invocation (unison)

**Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn’t seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

p.79

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness.

**Many: Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our emptiness.**

**Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

#### Words of Grace

Friends, hear the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid!" There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do, beginning now. We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life. Not only are we forgiven, but we are also sent to fish for others, whom God also yearns to gather with the net of holy love. This is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn: "I Love You, Lord" (sing through twice) p.78

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 p.893

#### Reflection

Sacrament of Baptism....Brody Shollenberger insert

#### Invitation to Generosity

Just when he was at his wit's end, Peter received the command of Christ, to let down his nets into the deep and trust what God can and will do. The result was a net-bursting catch. Jesus revealed the secret of a generous life. It requires trust that God can and will multiply our best efforts for a good deeper and wider than we can imagine. As we bring our gifts to God, may the same spirit that enlivened Jesus and surprised Peter be at work in us. And may it grow in us a deep joy!

Offertory: "My Lord Is Near Me All the Time" Gaultney

\* 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)

**God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Yes, form us deep in Your heart for this good and gracious work. 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: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" insert

\*Benediction

May the blessing of the Holy One who has plumbed every depth, continually raise you up. May God's ridiculous abundance stretch wide your heart. And may God gift you with a boldness to bless others, awakening them to their beloved identity. Amen and Amen!

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "To God Be the Glory" Doane



***Into the deep: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Year C*** was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in loving memory of Bill and Bernie Stahler on their Wedding Anniversary of February 11 and Nina Serafine given by Larry and Angela Stahler.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Gisela Thiel.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Nancy Weitzel.

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.

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

Orders are **DUE TODAY** for our February **Soup and Sandwich** Fundraiser. Forms can be found at the entrances to the Church. February soup is Ham and String Bean selling at \$8.00 a quart. Ham and Cheese on a Kaiser roll are our sandwiches at \$5.00 each. Pick up is Thursday, February 20 from 3-5:30pm in our downstairs social hall. Proceeds go to our General Fund and the Cemetery Association.

On **Tuesday, February 11** an **Auctioneer** from Tom Hall auctions will be here at 3 p.m. to decide on things to take to auction. Proceeds will go to the church. Do you have an item that you could add to the "stuff" we have collected? Bring it to the **lower social hall** on this date by 3 p.m. and the auctioneer will decide if it can go to auction. All proceeds benefit the church. All items welcome.

The next **Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00pm. We will meet at Delizioso Italian Grill on Brookside Road, Macungie. February **Sunday Brunchers** will be on Sunday, February 16, 12pm at the Merc. **Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, February 28, 12pm at Chino's Place on Chestnut Street (Rt. 29/100) in Zionsville. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you are planning to attend any of these events as soon as possible. All are Welcome!



The FINAL windows fundraiser is underway. Another handmade quilt has been donated and will be awarded to the highest bidder in a sealed bid auction. The quilt is available in the upper social hall. Bids must be a minimum of \$375 and must be submitted in writing by February 28. The winner will be announced on Sunday, March 2. Drop your sealed bid in the box located below the quilt.

**"Souper" Bowl Covered Dish Social** - Come join the FUN Group for our **"Souper" Bowl Sunday** immediately following Church on **Sunday, February 23**. 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, February 16 (including what type of soup you will be bringing). 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!

**The Chosen, Season 3**, will be shown in our lower social hall on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. starting on March 12 and concluding on April 30. All welcome to share in viewing this very moving series on the Life of Jesus.

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 **GriefCare** 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.

**Church Closed?** In case of bad weather we will again be posting any cancelations with Channel 69 – WFMZ-TV under their Storm Center Updates. We will announce on WFMZ but always use your own judgment and stay safe.

### **Week of February 9-15, 2025:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Thursday this week 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  
Property – Monday @ 7pm  
Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm  
FUN Group – Tuesday @ 7pm  
Supper Club – Wednesday @ 6pm @ Delizioso  
Finance – Wednesday @ 7pm  
Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship, Loose offering to Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
12:00pm Sunday Brunchers at the Merc

**Total Offerings from February 2, 2025:**

General Offerings: \$2,946.00

Window Fund: \$80.00

Mission: \$45.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$25.00

Utilities: \$25.00

Communion: \$24.00

Building Repair: \$70.00

Parking Lot: \$30.00

Cemetery: \$70.00

Attendance: 62

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Baptism of Brody John Shollenberger

**Sunday, February 9, 2024**

### **Order of Baptism**

We baptize into the Universal Church today Brody John Shollenberger, son of Fawn Meckes and Brandon Shollenberger and brother to Vanessa, Juliana, Selena, Everlee and Natalie

Godparents are Sasha and Angela

### **Invitation**

Welcome

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

### **Address**

Questions to Parents and Godparents

Pastor: Do you desire to have this child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: We do.**

Pastor: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Jesus Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Will you teach this child that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Parents and Godparents: We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of Our Savior, to resist any evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

**Parents and Godparents: We do, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

**Parents and Godparents: We do, with the help of God.**

**Congregational Assent**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Jesus Christ?

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the Triune God. Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Act of Baptism**

Pastor: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in this child baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the One who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

By what name will your child be called?



**Parents: (name their child)**

### **Prayer of Baptized**

Pastor: We give thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for this child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

**All: Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

The Baptismal Hymn: "Borning Cry" (on bulletin back cover)

The Presentation of the Rose and Candle

Benediction

Welcome to all of our visitors this morning who are helping to celebrate in the Baptism of Brody. If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you might consider worshiping with us again.