

Welcome to worship. We are happy you chose to come today. Feel free to join us as we pray, sing, and listen to God speak. We hope that all will sense God's spirit among us and will be eager to return and worship here again.

Our weekly newsletter gives information and announcements about our congregation. Newsletters are on the tables near the north and west entrances to the building.

Children are welcome to pick up a worship bag at the entrances of the sanctuary. Please return the bag and contents after the service.

The children's classes will gather following this service in the basement for Sunday School. All adults are invited to a fellowship time in the fellowship area after the worship service. Following that, we hope you choose to attend one of the Sunday School classes that meets in the Fellowship Hall.

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### WORSHIP WORKERS

**Worship Leader:** Jackie Lehman, Kent Nafziger, & Denver Beck.

**Song Leader:** Cheryl Britsch

**Ushers:** Max & Brenda Aeschliman, Ty Yoder, Cork & Patsy Nofziger, Wendell Nofziger

**Greeters:** Merril Spiess & Jan Cobb Nofziger, Larry Rychener

**Next week:** Frank & Cara Ulrich, Al & Ginny Liechty

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**Next week:** Chloe Nofziger, Michelle Rychener **SS:** Karmin & John Brooks

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## Zion Mennonite Church

March 11, 2018

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Looking for Jesus in Darkness

**Prelude** Karen Stuckey

**Welcome and announcements**

**Interlude** Karen Stuckey

**Choir**

**Call to Worship**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

East: Those He redeemed from trouble

West: Those He gathered in from the lands

**P: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

East: From the east and from the west,

West: From the north and from the south.

*All: For His steadfast love endures forever.*

**Prayer**

**Hymn "Longing for Light"** STJ 54

**Scripture** John 3:1-21

**Children's Time** Jackie Lehman

**Offering & Offertory** Karen Stuckey

**Prayer for the Church and World** Cliff Brubaker

**Hymn "O Healing River"** HWB 372

**Scripture** Numbers 21:4-9

**Message "The Light Seems Brighter When All Hope Is Lost"**

Jessica Schrock Ringenberg

## Response

L: God of compassion and consequence, some days it's hard to face who we are.

**P: We like to be in control of everything in our lives.**

L: Relying on someone else, even You, is hard. We get impatient and find things to criticize. Some of us even like to complain. Glossing over past hardships is easier than admitting that we need Your help. We do not want to see how our attitudes and actions make things worse.

**P: Forgive our ingratitude.**

*All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.*

Hymn "This Little Light of Mine"

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" STJ 95

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