

AINSWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH, FEBRUARY 28, 2016, 10:30 AM

WORD OF WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR JASON

PRELUDE WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES

****CALL TO WORSHIP: (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)**

Whatever we are wearing let us put on an attitude of openness to God's will for our lives. **We enter into this time of worship clothing ourselves in the garments of love and commitment to God's way.** Let us journey into worship praising the one who wore and now offers the robes of righteousness. **Living Lord, may we receive all that you offer here, accepting the invitation to be served and to serve.**

HYMN: "JESUS CALLS US"

BLUE HYMNAL #398

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANN BALLARD

CALL TO OFFERING****

KRISTI BEAN

*HYMN: "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

BLUE HYMNAL #95

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Creating God, may we find more time when time is always running out, may we find more silence when there are too many words, may we find more words when the silence is too much, may we find more grace in a world that is desperate for love, may we find more love when grace seems in short supply, may we find more in a world that lives on less, may we be ever keen for your invitation to join you in the community that invites life for all. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS, LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

RESPONSE: "THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME"

BLUE HYMNAL #171

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, let us make our excuses. May we list the ways we find to convince us to turn from the loving way. The excuses of the late night, the excuses of the busy lives, the family problems, the desire not to be hypocritical. God, let us make our excuses as to why we travel so lightly

with you. We do not reject your invitation, we just leave it on the mantelpiece willing to pick it up one day and there it will wait. God, let us make our excuses as to why we are not queuing up for the feast but finding reason to avoid. Pause And in every excuse, may we hear your compassion, may we recognize your grace, ever calling, inviting, waiting, longing, for us to enjoy the gifts you have set for us. In this journey through lent, may we refine our excuses from 'No!' to 'Yes!' and meet you in the place where you make no excuses but simply give yourself in the name of love. So be it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 22:1-14

RED BIBLE PAGE 29

PSALM 45:6-7

RED BIBLE PAGE 636

MESSAGE: "LENT 3: CUTTING THE CLOTH"

PASTOR JASON COLLIER

CALL TO RESPONSE

May we invite...the poor, the hungry, the lost. May we invite... our friends, our families, ourselves. May we invite...the wonder, the mystery, the questions. May we invite... the seeking, the lost, the wandering. May we invite... the foreigner, the migrant, the refugee. May we invite... the young, the old, the forgotten. May we invite...everyone.

****HYMN:** "I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

WHITE HYMNAL #451

(WHILE THIS IS SUNG, THE LIGHT FROM THE CANDLES IS CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.)

****THE BENEDICTION**

****A REQUEST TO STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

*****If you are a new attendee please complete one of the orange "Connecting with ACC" cards in the pews. Place the completed card in the offering plate as it passes. We look forward to seeing you again! (Extra Orange Cards at Snack Table – leave completed card with Sound Booth Operator). *Thank you, The ACC Worship and Membership Committees*

Restrooms, water fountain, nursery area, and baby changing table are all located in the Fellowship Hall which can be found downstairs through the front and back entryways.

For a hearing assistance device, check with persons in the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Sources: Liturgy and prayers provided by website "Ministry Matters"

PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2016: Dwight Miller, Jenny Yoder, Kris Anderson, Laura Temple, Wendell Arduser, Wayne Freyenberger. Youth Representative: Kylene Anderson

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS: Steve Anderson, Dave Kaufman, Marg Colthurst.

BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES: *March:* 1) Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson, Nancy Stewart; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) Ed White, *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 28: 3rd Sunday in Lent, Worship at 10:30 AM; Diana Butler Bass, Mt. Pleasant Chapel, 3:30 PM; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

Monday, February 29: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Tuesday, March 1: “Son Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar & Wynne Steele

Wednesday, March 2: Kids’ Club, North Church; Youth Bible Study, South Church, BOTH - 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, March 3: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth

Friday, March 4: World Day of Prayer Observation, United Church of Crawfordsville, 1:30 PM; Praise Team Rehearsal, 4 PM, Ainsworth Sanctuary; Jason attending Course of Study – All Day

Saturday, March 5: Jason attending Course of Study – All Day

Sunday, March 6: 4th Sunday in Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

Monday, March 7: Spirit Sisters, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Wednesday, March 9: *Final spring session for Kids’ Club, North Church; Youth Bible Study, South Church, BOTH - 6:30-7:30 PM; Kids’ Club will resume in September 2016*

Thursday, March 10: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 2-5 PM, North Church; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Friday, March 11: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 1-6 PM, North Church; Praise Team Rehearsal, 4-5 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Saturday, March 12: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 9 AM to 1 PM, North Church

Sunday, March 13: **Daylight Saving Time Begins!** 5th Sunday in Lent; Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	Liturgist	Youth Sermon	Music	AV
28	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Carson Bean	Karen Megchelsen Brenda Bean	Kristen Anderson	Ann Ballard	Kristi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Mar 6	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Molly Klinzman	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Neal Megchelsen	???	ACC Puppets	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM

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Our Mission is to share the saving love of Christ and to help persons grow as joyful disciples in ministry to all the world.

**3rd Sunday in Lent - February 28, 2016
10:30 AM**

JASON W. COLLIER, PASTOR