

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets
Decatur, Indiana

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(*) All who are able, please stand

October 5, 2025

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION
NEIGHBORS IN NEED
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Luke 17: 5-10

“The Prayer for enough faith to have no need for faith”

Gathering Music: “Lead Me Savior” Shelly Nussbaum
The Welcome and Announcements: Janet Smith, Liturgist
(Visitors, please sign the Friendship Folder)

The Prelude: “Consecrated, Lord, To Thee”

*The Prelude calls us together. It is a time of quiet reflection to focus ourselves
in preparation for worshipping God.*

The Light appears: The Acolytes serve
The Church Bell rings:

*The Call to Praise: (Please Rise) Liturgist

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us,
to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

What do we find at today’s table?

God’s love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today’s table

**The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over
others.**

Let us repent and give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to
all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

Written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan) Translated
by Mr. David McIntosh (Overseas Liaison, United Church of Christ in Japan)

*The Hymn of Praise: “How Firm A Foundation” No.275

***The Invocation (In Unison):** Liturgist

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May our praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ: Liturgist

Please pass the peace through our words and through our actions in a world that desperately needs to see the results of following the Prince of Peace.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Statement Of Faith: (Unison) “Nicene Creed”

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in

glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Source: English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988 ecumenical version of the Nicene Creed

The Scripture Reading: Psalm 137 Liturgist
Pew Bible, pg. 541

The Choir Anthem: “The Table” Chancel Choir

A Time For The Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

The Prayer Response: Chancel Choir

The Scripture Reading: Luke 17: 5-10 Rev. Kahler
Pew Bible, pg. 910

*The Sermon Hymn: “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” No. 451

The Sermon: “The Prayer For Enough Faith To Have
No Need For Faith”

The Moment of Offering:

Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

Beloved, in God, global fellowship is Jesus' direct response to the believing world. In our Faith we are thankful and ask Blessings on these gifts and those that have given. Amen

The Offering:

Ushers Serve

The Offertory Music: “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

*The Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Compassion - Neighbors In Need:

Rev. Kahler

(Please be seated.)

The Holy Communion

Holy Communion Liturgy:

Rev. Kahler

The Invitation:

Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

God scatters life across the earth.

God scatters people in every land and nation.

God scatters disciples far and wide.

Like a shepherd, God gathers.

God gathers people into families of faith.

God gathers people into communities of love.

God gathers people into the body of Christ.

Today, on this World Communion Sunday, God gathers us at one table with disciples of every language, culture, and tradition. From cathedrals and chapels, from huts and houses, from fields and cities, God gathers us in many places and makes us one in Christ. At this table, we remember the cost of discipleship and rejoice in the richness of Christ's gifts poured out for the whole world.

The Communion Prayer:

Rev. Kahler

The Prayer of our Savior:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, and Power, and Glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal:

*The Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 323

**Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me**

**Let us drink the cup together on our knees
Let us drink the cup together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun**

O Lord have mercy on me

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Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*The Hymn of Commitment: “In Christ There Is No East Or West”
No. 285

*The Benediction:
Written by Rev. Dr. Ian Alexander, Church of Scotland.

*Song of departing friends: “Amazing Grace”
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

*The Light is carried forth	Acolytes serve
*The Worship Leaders exit	
*The Moment for Silent Prayers	Chimes
*The Postlude: “Faith Is The Victory”	

Please be seated for Congregational Meeting

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Each of Us	Minister of Christ
Rev. Allen Kahler	Minister
Barb Engle	Congregation President
Jan Miller	Board Secretary
Maggie Bolinger	Office Secretary
Stacey Smith	Church Treasurer
Lisa Krueckeberg	Financial Secretary
Shelly Nussbaum	Music Director/ Church Organist
Justin Shaffer	Building Manager
Kacie Shaffer	Custodian
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Brennan & Wanda Miller, Ken Uhrick	Door Greeters
Tim & Maggie Bolinger	Ushers
Ushers	Acolytes
Scott Heller	Money Counter
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We greet all members, visitors and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a few moments to sign the Friendship Folder located in each pew.

Altar flowers are presented today by Lauren Rowell in honor of Mental Health Awareness Week.

Worldwide Communion is celebrated today during the morning worship. Communion is a sacred meal that unites Christians across every culture and community. On World Communion Sunday, we remember that when we share the bread and cup, we are joining with believers around the world at Christ's table.

The Stewardship Committee will meet after the congregational meeting today. Please meet in the Chi Rho room to prepare the 2026 budget.

The Christian Education Committee will be preparing college boxes next Sunday, October 12th. There are currently 3 students who will receive the boxes. Donations of snacks, food items, and school supplies are welcome. Monetary donations are also needed. Please place your donations in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School.

Neighbors In Need Offering will be received and dedicated today. Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. Enclosed in today's bulletin is an envelope for your consideration.

Looking Ahead

Today, Oct. 5: Worldwide Communion Sunday
Neighbors In Need Offering
Congregational Meeting 11 a.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Northeast Association Meeting, Angola, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: No Choir Practices

Sunday, Oct. 12: College Boxes
Official Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.

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Last week's attendance: 52 Offering: \$ 2639.00

Needed each week: \$4085.87

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