

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Third and Jackson Streets**  
**Decatur, Indiana**

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(\*)Please stand either in body or in spirit  
September 21, 2025  
Rally Sunday  
1 Timothy 2:1—7  
“Pray for everyone”

Gathering Music: “Sunday School Favorites” Shelly Nussbaum  
The Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist: Lisa Krueckeberg  
(Visitors, Please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “Do Lord”  
*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 Worship: ( Inspired Psalm 113) Liturgist

Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting,  
the name of God deserves our praise!

**Who is like our God...seated on high?**

Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor  
and those in need.

**God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.**

Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and  
redeems.

**The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and  
conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!**

\*Hymn of Praise: “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands” No.344

\*The Invocation: (Unison)

Liturgist

**Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth,  
sanctify our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment.  
Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our  
worship and the transformation that moves us forward as  
your people. In your glorious and precious name, we pray.  
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.**

Sunday School Attendance Awards:

Janet Smith

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

**Redeemer, forgive us for defiling your holy ground. We have not  
cared for your creation, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,  
and we have not been faithful with the gifts you have given to us. We  
ask you not to clean our slate but to renew our hearts. Soften the  
hardness this world encourages us to wrap around our hearts, and  
replace it with compassion, empathy, and accountability to our  
neighbor, siblings, and creation. Awaken a new life within us.  
Amen.**

Words of Grace:

The Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1—13 Liturgist

Pew Bible, pg. 909

The Choir Anthem: “This Little Light Of Mine” Chancel Choir

A Time For The Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

The Lord’s Prayer:

**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, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Prayer Response: Chancel Choir

The Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1—7 Rev. Kahler  
Pew Bible, pg . 134

\*The Sermon Hymn: “Sweet Hour Of Prayer” No. 433

The Sermon: “Re—frame Prayer ”

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

**Abundant God, may the gifts we give along with your miraculous power be sufficient to the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Amen.**

The Offering:

Ushers Serve

The Offertory Music: “I’ve Got The Joy”

\*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.**

\*Hymn of Commitment:

“Jesus Loves Me”

No. 579

\*The Benediction:

**An Accounting: Service Prayers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

\*Song Of Departing Friends: “Lord Dismiss Us”

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness. Amen.**

\*The Light is carried forth

Acolytes serve

\*The Worship Leaders exit

\*The Moment for Silent Prayers

Chimes

\*The Postlude:

“I’ll Fly Away”

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Each of Us	A 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
Kacie Shaffer	Custodian
Justin Shaffer	Building Manager
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Scott & Brenda Strickler	Door Greeters
Aithen Shaffer, Scott Strickler	Ushers
Karen Heller	Money Counter
Ushers	Acolytes
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We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors: Please sign our Friendship Folder located in each pew.

Our Operation Help product for September is cereal. Please place your donations in the bins in the dining room and West vestibule.

Worship bulletins and altar flowers are presented today by Neil and Sue Keller in honor of their loved ones.

Join us in the dining room after worship today for our Rally Day luncheon and White Elephant Auction. Proceeds of the auction will benefit missions.

Bible Study will continue Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through the middle of October. We continue Part Three of our study of the Book of Acts. Everyone is encouraged to come and share this time of study and discussion.

We will meet on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for our Adopt-A-Road cleanup project. Please meet at 9 a.m. at the church to carpool.

With the school year in progress, the Evangelism and Visitation Committee is once again sponsoring the SPIRIT Pal project. **Secret Pals In Response Involving Teens** pairs adult volunteers with a teenager in the congregation to remember special events and recognize student activities throughout the year as a Secret Pal. Please see Jan Miller by October 5th if you are willing to be a mentor or if your child wishes to participate.

College Boxes will be sent on the second Sunday of October, November, January, February, and April, beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Janet Smith by October 5<sup>th</sup> if you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew attending college this year who would like to be remembered each month with a goody box. Donations of snacks and school supplies, as well as monetary donations, should be brought to the dining room before Sunday School the second Sunday of the month.

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will vote to call Rev. Kahler as our Settled Pastor. We will also be considering proposals to replace the parsonage roof and complete some needed repairs and renovations in the parsonage. We hope you will attend as we consider these important decisions in the life of Zion.

Our redesigned website is now online. Please check it out and let the office know if you have other suggested content or desired changes.

### **Looking Ahead**

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Handbell Choir Practice 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27: Adopt-A-Road 9 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Worldwide Communion

Congregational Meeting 11 a.m.

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Last week's attendance: 44      Offering: \$4479.31 (Incl. \$25 Roth Memorial)

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