

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

(*) Please Stand, either in body or in spirit

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

John Gardner, Guest Preacher

Gathering Music: "Yes I Will" Shelly Nussbaum

The Worship Leaders enter Liturgist: Lisa Krueckeberg

The Welcome and Announcements:

The Prelude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Shelly Nussbaum

*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 Worships (Inspired by Psalm 116): Liturgist

We call on God as long as we live! What shall we return to God for God's bounty to us?

With love and laughter, we praise God!

What shall we return to God for God's bounty to us?

**Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise
God!**

What shall we return to God for God's bounty to us?

With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise God!

* Hymn of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 8

* Invocation: (Unison) Liturgist

**God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship. We are here to
sing and to pray, to let the word resound in us and the community to envelop us.
We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you. We enter with
thanksgiving and praise. We enter in safety of love and hope of peace. Holy One,
we respond to your call. We are here. Amen.**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Unison)

Rev. Gardner

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life. Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kingdom. Amen.

Words of Grace

Rev. Gardner

The Scripture Reading:

Psalm 33: 1—12

Liturgist

Pew Bible, pg. 481

Special Music: "Jesus Loves Me Medley"

Vicki and Shelly Nussbaum

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your 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, and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For yours is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Prayer Response:

**Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Rev. Gardner
Pew Bible, pg. 13

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

*The Sermon Hymn: "O, How I Love Jesus"

No. 529

The Sermon: "Pondering Future Shock"

Invitation to Generosity:

Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give. Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.

The Moment of Offering:

Ushers serve

The Offertory Music:

*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 Hymn of Commitment: "Love Lifted Me"

No. 505

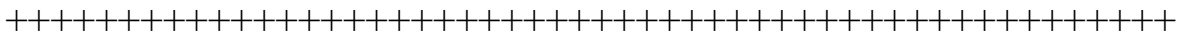
*Benediction:

Rev. Gardner

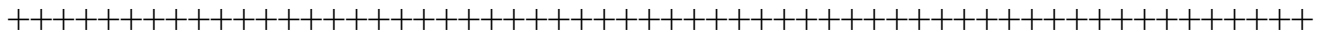
Shall I Be Fruitful?: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

*The Song of Departing Friends: "Savior, again to thy dear name"
 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
 Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;
 With eager hearts we wait Thy word of Peace. Amen

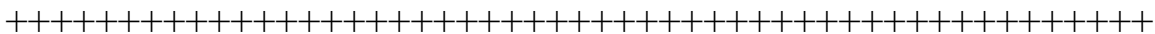
*The Light is carried forth Acolytes serve
 *The Worship Leaders exit
 *The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes
 *The Postlude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Organist



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
Makayla Smith	Financial Secretary
Shelly Nussbaum	Music Director/Church Organist
Kacie Shaffer	Custodian
Justin Shaffer	Building Manager



Bruce and Jeanne Reidenbach	Door Greeters
Scott Strickler and Ken Uhrick	Ushers
Myra Gaunt	Money Counter
Ushers	Acolytes



We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors are asked to take a few moments to sign the page in the Friendship Folder located in each pew and place it in the offering plate.

Please join us in the dining room after worship for a time of fellowship and cookies, coffee, and punch.

Our Operation Help item for June is vegetables such as canned tomatoes, carrots, peas, or potatoes. Please place your donations in the tubs in the dining room and West vestibule.

Our altar flowers and bulletins this morning are presented by Tom and Elaine Rash in honor of their 5 grandchildren.

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at the Double Eagle on Wednesday, June 17th at 11:30 a.m. Please see Russ Augsburger if you plan to attend. Everyone is invited for a time of good food and fellowship.

Bible Study will resume this week on Thursday at 10am. This week's lesson is on 1 Corinthians 13. A great time to jump in. All are welcome.

The Pastoral Relations Committee will be meeting on June 18th at 7pm.

A reminder that the Official Board Meeting has been postponed until next Monday, June 22nd, due to the Pastor being on vacation this week. The meeting will be at 6:30pm, as usual.

The Men's Fellowship Chicken and Rib Sale will be held on Saturday, June 27th at the corner of 13th and Monroe Streets. Hours are 10 am-2 pm. Prices remain the same as last year: \$9 chicken, \$11 ribs, and \$3.50 broasted potatoes. Proceeds will be used for their mission projects. Please see Scott Heller, Scott Strickler, or Justin Shaffer, if you are interested in having a larger order set back. Thank you for your support of this project.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30am – Lunch Bunch at Double Eagle

Thursday, June 18 at 10am – Bible Study in the Lounge

Thursday, June 18 at 7pm – Pastoral Relations Committee

Monday, June 22 at 6:30pm – Official Board Meeting

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Last week's Worship Attendance: 54 Offering: \$ 2,798.00

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