

# ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

(\*Please stand either in body or in spirit

Mother's Day

May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22—31

**“As we all grope in the dark, help others connect with God.”**

Gathering Music: “In This Very Room” Shelly Nussbaum

The Welcome and Announcements: Maggie Bolinger, Liturgist  
(Visitors, Please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “A Christian Home”

*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:

\*Call to Worship: (Please Rise) (inspired by Psalm 23) Liturgist

God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community  
of faith.

**In our pain, suffering and loss, we know the assurance of  
God's presence.**

When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us  
up on eagles' wings.

**In the loneliness of our firm idealism, God grants healing  
and transformation.**

Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving  
God meets us here.

**We assemble with high expectations that God has much  
good in store for us.**

The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching  
out to others.

**We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise: “For The Beauty Of The Earth” No.560

\*The Invocation: (In Unison) Liturgist

**You have brought us, O God, to another Lord’s Day, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ’s name. Amen.**

Call to Confession: Rev. Kahler

Let us in humility and remorse acknowledge and confess our sins toward God and one another.

Prayer of Confession:

**Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide “who is the greatest.” We make our own faces the standard for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole world in himself. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

The Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:8—20 Liturgist  
Pew Bible, pg. 499

The Choir Anthem: “Because He Lives” Chancel Choir

Time with the Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

Prayer of our Savior:

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

The Prayer Response: Chancel Choir

The Scripture Reading: Acts 17: 22—31 Rev. Kahler  
Pew Bible, pg.964

The Sermon Hymn: “Breathe On Me, Breath Of God ” No. 259

The Sermon: “Sharing Our Faith”

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)

**Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for your kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within your loving purpose. Amen.**

The Offering: Ushers Serve  
Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision ”

\* 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: "Faith Of Our Mothers" See Insert

\*The Benediction:

—Based on a prayer by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., *Touch Holiness* (Pilgrim Press, 1990), 242.

\*The 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: "Will The Circle Be Unbroken?"

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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
Makayla Smith	Financial Secretary
Shelly Nussbaum	Music Director/Church Organist

Kacie Shaffer  
Justin Shaffer

Custodian  
Building Manager

Ken Uhrick, Jerry Hill  
Kacie Shaffer, Brenda Strickler  
Scott Heller  
Ushers

Door Greeters  
Ushers  
Money Counter  
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 altar flowers today are presented by Dave and Myra Gaunt in honor  
of Knedra Strickler and Brani Knous' birthdays. They present bulletins  
in memory of Bernice Miller.

Our Operation Help product for May is **soup**. Please bring your  
donations to the dining room or the west vestibule.

Quarterly financial statements are no longer being prepared for  
everyone. Please see Makayla Smith or Stacey Smith if you want to get  
yours.

Our Bible Study group has resumed their studies on Thursday mornings.  
Everyone is invited to meet in the lounge at 10 a.m.

SPIRIT Pals will meet on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for their pizza party and to  
identify the adult Pal. Pizza will be served at 1 p.m.

The "Strengthen The Church" special offering will be received on  
Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Sent Forth In  
Love." This offering furthers the work of our Conference and National  
Ministries as we work together to strengthen and renew existing  
congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new  
programs for youth and young adults. The Offering is divided between  
the Indiana/Kentucky Conference and the National Ministries.

## Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 14: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 17: SPIRIT Pals Pizza Party, 1 p.m.

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Last week's attendance: 55

Offering: \$ 1930.00

Needed each week: \$4045.87

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