

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

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(* Please stand either in body or in spirit.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Acts 1:6—14

“We need each other for guidance and encouragement.”

Gathering Music: “Worthy Is The Lamb” Shelly Nussbaum
The Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist: Ken Uhrick
(Visitors, please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “Come, We That Love The 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:

*Call to Worship: ((inspired by Psalm 68) Liturgist

Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides
upon the clouds--the Holy One-- be exultant before God.

**Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy!**

Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

**Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy!**

Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives
power and strength to the people.

**Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!**

*Hymn of Praise: “Jesus Shall Reign” No. 231

*Invocation: (Unison)

Liturgist

Holy Love, our Companion and Source, shower us with your presence, shelter us in your sanctuary, shield us with your peace. Open our receptivity to your word, wisdom, and way. May our worship honor your name and draw us nearer to you and to our neighbors. Be glorified in our midst as we exalt your Many Names. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Rev. Kahler

Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one-time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.

Words of Grace:

Rev. Kahler

The Scripture Reading:

Psalm 68:7—10

Liturgist

Pew Bible pg. 500

The Choir Anthem: “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Chancel Choir

The Time For Youth:

Prayers of the People: (In remembrance, gladness, gratitude, need)

The Morning Prayer Spoken and Silent:

The 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

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 6—14

Rev. Kahler
Pew Bible, pg. 947

The Word of God for the People of God

The Response: **Thanks be to God**

*The Sermon Hymn: “Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise” No. 232

The Sermon: “Seeking Guidance Together”

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (Unison)

Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.

The Offering:

Ushers serve

The Offertory Music: “Praise The God Who Reigns Above”

*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: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” No.234

***Benediction:**

In the World: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday in Easter 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: "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: "To God Be The Glory"

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

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Ken Uhrick, Jerry Hill	Door Greeters
Kacie Shaffer, Brenda Strickler	Ushers

Ushers
Scott Heller

Acolytes
Money Counter

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

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

Today's altar flowers and bulletins are presented by Scott and Brenda Strickler in memory of Mary Strickler

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

SPIRIT Pals will meet today for their pizza party and to identify the adult Pal. Pizza will be served at 1 p.m. Thank you to all those adults to have supported our youth during this school year through this program.

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at the Nine Mile on Wednesday, May 20 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.

The "Strengthen The Church" special offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. 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. This offering is divided between the Indiana/Kentucky Conference and the National Ministries.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, May 18: Official Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20: Lunch Bunch, Nine Mile 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 21: Bible Study 10 a.m.

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Last week's Worship Attendance: 60

Offering: \$ 3490.00 (\$25 Hilty Memorial,
\$200 VBS Bibles)

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