

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

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(* Please stand either in body or in spirit.

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

Matthew 17:1—9

**“Seeing and Honoring the God Created Humanity
in those with whom we Disagree.”**

Gathering Music: “Show Us Christ” Shelly Nussbaum
The Welcome and Announcements: Vicki Nussbaum, Liturgist
(Visitors: Please sign the Friendship Folder)

The Prelude: “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”
*Please take a moment and quiet your minds and open your hearts as
we focus ourselves in preparation for worshipping God.*

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

*The Call to Worship: Liturgist
God of life, once more you have called us together for worship.

We have come to be refreshed.

We have come to be reminded of whose we are.

**We have come to explore who and how you are calling us to be
in the world.**

*Hymn of Praise: “O Worship The King” No. 10

*Invocation: Liturgist

**God of light, in this time together, open our eyes, our
hearts and our very beings to see, hear and feel how you are
active in our midst. God of love, who calls us to live love, may
the time we spend listening for your still, small voice awaken**

an awareness of how we can put love into action and how we can care for all our relationships. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ:

Liturgist

God has greeted us with his peace. Let us now pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer For Illumination: (Unison)

Rev. Kahler

Transport us, O God, to the mountaintop with you. Let us leave behind in the valley anything that would blunt our hearing of your word. Blind us with the dazzling truth of your glory, once again. Let your word speak to us as if for the first time, through the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Scripture reading:

Psalm 2

Liturgist

Pew Bible, Pg. 465

The Choir Anthem:

“Majesty”

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

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: Matthew 17:1—9 Rev. Kahler
Pew Bible, pg. 85

The Word of God for the People of God

The Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” No.381

The Sermon: “The Gift of The Unpredictable Jesus”

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

**God, may these good offerings be used to get up to good
trouble for the liberation of us all. Amen**

The Offering: Ushers serve

The Offertory Music: “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*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: “Fairest Lord Jesus” No. 88

*The Benediction:

*The Song of Departing Friends: "My Peace"

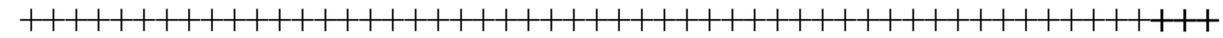
**My peace I give unto you.
It's a peace that the world cannot give.
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.
Peace to know; peace to live.
My peace I give unto you.**

*The Light is carried forth Acolytes serve

*The Worship Leaders exit

*The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes

*The Postlude: "O, How I Love Jesus"



Each of Us A Minister of Christ

Rev. Allen Kahler Minister

Barb Engle Congregation President

Jan Miller Board Secretary

Maggie Bolinger Office Secretary

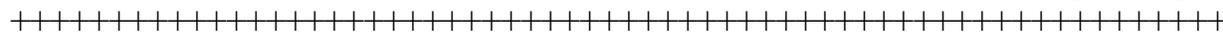
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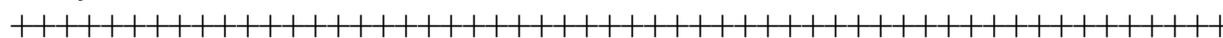


Mike & Carol Fuelling, Steve Scott Door Greeters

Scott Strickler, Ken Uhrick Ushers

Carl Stevens Money Counter

Acolytes Ushers



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 bulletins are presented by Karen Heller in honor of her son Kevin's birthday.

Due to the recent bad weather, donations of soup for Operation Help will be taken all month. Thank you to all who donated to last week's "Souper Bowl" drive. Demand at Operation Help has increased considerably and any donations are much appreciated.

The order form for the Easter Garden can be found in your Lenten mailing, as well as the vestibules. Please return them to Barb Engle by March 8th so she can place the order with Heller Nursery on March 9th. Monetary donations for the Memorial Fund are also accepted.

Anyone who would like to be involved in the Youth Council is asked to contact Janet Smith. Christian Education Committee is trying to reactivate this group and is asking for assistance from anyone who would like to help our Jr.-Sr. High group become more active, both within the church and in the community.

The large-print Upper Room devotionals for January-February have arrived this week and can be found in the vestibules. Please share these with anyone who is not here in person. There has been an ongoing delivery problem with the post office.

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at the West End in Decatur on Wednesday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. Please see Russ Augsburgers if you plan to attend. Everyone is invited for a time of good food and fellowship.

Our Lenten offering is received throughout the Lenten season in support of the UCC colleges and seminaries. Our Chicago, United, and Eden (CUE) seminaries prepare students called to God's ministry for service around the world. An envelope is included in the Lenten mailing as well as in the vestibules. Please place your donation in the weekly offering any Sunday during Lent. Please mark your check "Lenten offering."

A time of fun, food, and games is planned for our Youth Group this afternoon from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Please bring friends and a favorite board game. Contact Janet Smith for more information. We hope to plan a March outing for Cosmic Bowling at Villa Lanes. More updates to come!

We will be submitting a gift card order to RaiseRight next week. Anyone who wishes to place an order should see Stacey Smith. She will be placing an order at the end of every month.

Our youth group is planning a fundraiser for the month of March to support their activities. If you are interested in helping, there is a calendar posted in the dining room. You are asked to pick a date and pay that amount to Janet Smith. For example, you may sign up for March 15th and pay \$15. If all dates are filled in for March, they will raise over \$400 to use for their activities.

Looking Ahead

Monday, Feb. 16: Official Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Lunch Bunch, West End, 11:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, “The Call To I AM”

Meal 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service & Communion 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb.19: No Choir Practices

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Last week's Worship Attendance: 43 Offering: \$3463.37

Needed each week: \$4045.87

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